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Washington St. to close Tuesday

The Hancock Roads Department will be working on Washington Street on Tuesday, July 31. The street will be closed from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. between Hwy. 90 and Chapman Road.

Boil water in Clermont Harbor

A boil water notice was issued Friday for those on the Clermont Harbor water system because the system lost pressure during an equipment failure. When a distribution system loses pressure, contaminants can siphon back into the system. Officials recommend that consumers "vigorously boil for one minute any water to be consumed." Users will be notified when tests show the water is safe.

Business After Hours at library

The Library Foundation of Hancock County and Patient's Choice will host the Chamber After Hours Thursday, 5-7 p.m., at the Bay St. Louis Library.

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Gulfview Elementary third grader David Jenkins, seen here with his dad David, is the first grader to weigh his catch Saturday morning at the Gulf Coast Sportsman Club Kids Fishing Rodeo at Buccaneer State Park in Waveland. After hauling in half a dozen blue gill and some bass, David was headed for some saltwater fish Saturday.



Five-year-old twins Devin (left) and Aaron Stoeger, along with their brother Kyle, 9, stare reverently at the rows of gleaming trophies set up at Pavilion No. 1 at Buccaneer State Park in Waveland Saturday for the 17th annual Gulf Coast Sportsman Club Kids Fishing Rodeo. The boys came down from Long Beach for the event with their father Greg Stoeger, who works at Wellman Inc. The event was open to boys and girls ages 13 and under, with special categories for kids under age 6.

Hope becoming more tenuous for Haven as donation rate slows

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Hope Haven children's shelter kicked off its two month membership drive with a beach party fundraiser last weekend. The party successfully added two new members and \$2,000 to the shelter's funds, said shelter director Terry Latham.

"There is bad economic news everywhere you turn," said Latham. "And charities are the first to bear the brunt of hard economic times... people who support such things as Hope Haven are donating their disposable income and when times

get tough, that is the first thing they start holding on to."

The more people worry, the more they slow down their spending and the whole process kind of feeds on itself and in a sense becomes a self-fulfilling prophesy, said Latham.

"People have asked us if trying to have a membership drive is not a strange idea right now," Latham said. "But Hope Haven was built on \$10 donations and that is what will keep us open."

Latham said holding a membership drive now makes good sense because memberships



The Messiah Lutheran Youth Group from Mounds View, Minnesota was in town for two days to lend a hand at Hope Haven Children's Shelter and Galts to Success this week. The group is traveling to New Orleans for the Missouri-Synod National Lutheran Youth Gathering this weekend. Group members found Hope Haven on a website and decided to stop by. Here, the group is pictured with Hope Haven Director Terry Latham, who is heading up a membership drive for the shelter.

begin at \$12 a year, and at a level they can afford. expanding the membership base will allow people to donate

Bank robber still at large

Masked man hit Union Planters, left in grey van

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

The search continues for an unidentified man who robbed the Union Planters bank branch in Bay St. Louis last week.

At around 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Bay St. Louis Police Chief Frank McNeil said, "The subject walked in the side door (of the bank) ... walked up to the teller and told her 'Hand me the money - hurry, this is no joke!'"

The man was wearing a white shirt, blue jeans, a baseball cap and a black mask which was made from either a scarf or a shirt, McNeil said.

The bank teller handed the masked man an undisclosed amount of cash, McNeil said, which he stuffed into a black or brown duffel bag. The robber then went back out the side door, climbed into a "grey-look-

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Stennis Airport wants I-10 visibility

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

Hancock County's Stennis International Airport wants to achieve some kind of presence on the busy Interstate 10 corridor.

Hal Walters, Executive Director of the county's Port and Harbor Commission, which oversees operations at Stennis and the Port Bienville Industrial Park, explained the Catch 22 to Port Commissioners, who met in a recessed session last week.

"Current state and federal regulations don't allow you to advertise a local airport on interstate highways unless you have scheduled daily flights," Walters said.

He said the city of Slidell,

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Silver Snoopy Awards



Photos courtesy of NASA
NASA's Nancy Sullivan of Pass Christian, was among 10 Stennis Space Center employees honored recently with the astronaut corps' own personal achievement award, the "Silver Snoopy." The Silver Snoopy Award recognizes individuals for professional dedication and outstanding support that greatly enhance flight safety and mission success in the Space Shuttle program. NASA astronaut Joe Tanner, right, was on hand to present the award. The Silver Snoopy Awards program began 32 years ago and represents the astronauts' recognition of excellence.



Mississippi Space Services' Linda Stockstill of Kiln, Miss., receives the Silver Snoopy from Tanner.



NASA's Reginald "Chip" Ellis of Carriere was among the Stennis Space Center employees honored. NASA astronauts Joe Tanner, left, and Daniel Burbank, right, were on hand to present the awards.

Stennis completes first hot-fire test of Aerospike engine technology

Stennis Space Center has successfully completed a critical initial test in a three-part series for a Space Launch Initiative (SLI) test program of the Electro-Mechanical Actuator (EMA) technology used on the former X-33 program's Linear Aerospike XRS-2200 flight engine set. The July 12 test was a "start-sequence" test and went the full scheduled duration of 5.32 seconds.

The test was a unique opportunity for NASA to effectively gain valuable experience and data from existing commercial technology.

EMAs electronically regulate the amount of propellant (fuel and oxidizer) flow in the engine.

The technology is a potential alternative and improvement to the older hydraulic-fluid systems currently used by the aerospace industry to drive and control critical rocket engine valves.

According to NASA's Gary Lyles, Space Launch Initiative Propulsion Program Office manager at Marshall Space

Flight Center, Huntsville, Ala., the EMA technology is of interest to SLI because all engine concepts being considered for the program use EMAs.

SLI's primary focus is on technology development for concepts that would be able to dramatically reduce cost and improve safety and reliability of launching payloads for NASA, commercial and military missions," Lyles said. "Since the engine was already in a test stand at Stennis, taking advantage of the dual aerospike flight engine set already in the A-1 test stand was too great of an opportunity to pass up."

According to NASA's Dr. Don Chenevert, EMA project manager at Stennis, the initial test will be followed with a 25-second test at 80 percent power-level.

The third test is scheduled for 100 seconds and will demonstrate relevant engine operations and show how the EMA control system works under actual thermal, hydraulic and stress-loads.

Waveland officials honor AMR personnel

The City of Waveland's Mayor and Fire Chief traveled to

American Medical Response's headquarters in Gulfport Tuesday, July 17 to personally present certificates of appreciation to 14 AMR employees.

Mayor John "Tommy" Longo and Chief David Garcia made the presentations at the company's bi-monthly meeting.

"The City of Waveland has seen its share of disasters lately with the mini warehouse fire and the plane crash. We wanted to take this opportunity to say 'thank you' for the service you provide to our city," Longo said.

All 14 employees were presented with certificates of appreciation designating them as "distinguished citizens" of the City of Waveland.

AMR employees Roger Few, Operations Supervisor; Louis Bridges, EMT-Basic; Donnie Gipson, EMT-Paramedic; Jason Carter, Paramedic/Asst. Field Supervisor; Ron Cason, EMT-Paramedic; Cindy Brewer, EMT-Basic; Joe Pol, EMT-Paramedic; Charles Schintzius, Support Services Technician; and Mark Sheppard, Support Services Technician, were all honored for their support and efforts surrounding the plane crash on June 15.

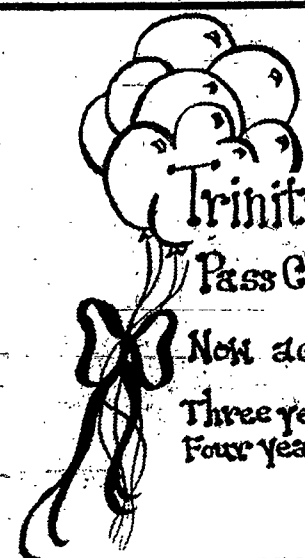
AMR employees John Kinsey, EMT-Paramedic; Ryan Shields, EMT-Basic; Troy Lambert, EMT-Paramedic; Glen Donnelly, EMT-Basic; and Alan Sekinger, Support Services Technician, were honored for

their support in the Mini Warehouse fire on June 24.

Mayor Longo then presented a plaque to AMR for their overall service to the citizens of Waveland by saying, "I couldn't be more proud of the service provided to the citizens of Waveland by the men and women of American Medical Response. Thank you for your superb effort each and every day."

Public Notice:

Construction to begin Monday 2/5/01 on Webb St. in Bay St. Louis. Construction will continue to Central Ave. and end at Bay Oaks Dr. This area will be closed or one-laned during daylight hours for approximately 3 weeks.



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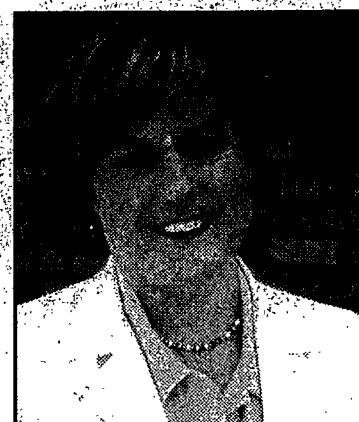
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It has been a joy and a pleasure to serve you. I will surely miss you.

God bless each of you,
Mary Buccola, owner
Seymour's Jewelry & Gift Store

Contract awarded for Hwy. 43/603 improvement

Southern District Transportation Commissioner Wayne Brown, chairman, announced last week that a contract was awarded for improvements to Mississippi Highway 43 and Mississippi Hwy. 603 in Hancock County.

Jet Contractors, Inc. of Poplarville was awarded the contract with the low bid of \$247,117.

The project provides for lighting installation at the Hwy. 43/603 and I-10 interchange near Bay St. Louis.

According to the commissioner, the highways will remain open, but motorists may encounter lane or shoulder closures.

The estimated completion date for the project is March 2002.



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Aldermen OK Pass sign ordinance

BY ED LEFOMA
Staff Writer

Pass Christian has a new sign ordinance in place, but Mayor Billy McDonald cautions it is a work in progress.

"We may have to fine-tune this thing as we go along," said McDonald. The ordinance calls for the creation of a three-member Sign Committee appointed by the mayor, with the agreement of the Pass Christian Board of Aldermen.

McDonald said he has not yet recommended the members who might serve on the committee.

"I've been thinking about it," said McDonald. "I don't know if I would appoint three members who would be divorced from the city's Historic Preservation Committee. I think at least one member should represent their views."

The ordinance regulating the size and placement of almost any kind of sign within city limits was adopted by the board of aldermen at a June meeting before two new aldermen were seated. Its sponsors were outgoing Ward 2 Alderwoman Margaret Jean Kalif and incumbent Ward 3 Alderman Michael Antoine. Outgoing Ward 1 Alderman Jeff Emerson also approved the ordinance, along with incumbent aldermen Leo "Chipper" McDermott and Don Moore.

The ordinance calls for the creation of a three-member Sign Committee to be appointed by

the mayor and aldermen. They would serve at the "will and pleasure" of the mayor and aldermen for three-year staggered terms. The ordinance also allows city leaders to appoint non-voting persons to advise or assist the Committee.

The Sign Committee is to meet monthly unless the chairman notifies members in writing there is no business to conduct. The three-member committee will also be required to work closely with Peggy Johnson, the city's chief code enforcement officer, to enforce the regulations.

However, the ordinance states, "It is not the purpose of the committee to perform any function or purposes previously assigned exclusively to the Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Adjustments or Code Enforcement Officer."

The wide-ranging ordinance deals with abandoned signs, street signs, house addresses, historical markers, real estate signs and those erected by businesses located within the city limits. It also attempts to limit the length of time political signs can be displayed, along with signs, banners and flags advertising any kind of civic or charitable event.

Listed are some key components of the new sign ordinance. However, the mayor and aldermen can approve variances to the ordinance "when the interests of the city are not adverse-

ly affected, and the variance does not conflict with other requirements of the city's Zoning Ordinance."

• Abandoned signs—which are found to be in violation of the ordinance must be removed after the owner or tenant is given written notice by the Code Enforcement Officer. If they are not removed within 30 days after notification, the city may remove the signs and the cost of the removal charged to the property owner or tenant of record.

• "Signs and components thereof shall be maintained in a safe, neat, clean, attractive and structurally sound condition and not adversely impact public safety," according to the ordinance. The ordinance further states all signs shall be kept neatly painted, with rust-proof supports, and the land adjacent to the signage must be kept free of weeds and trash.

• Real estate signs — one temporary sign can be erected for up to 12 months. This sign must not exceed four square feet. A smaller "hang-on" sign, not to exceed one-square-foot, may be erected on the street fronting the residential property. One sign of 14-square-feet may be erected on commercial property during the listing period and for 14 days after closing.

• Contractor/Architecture signs—up to two temporary signs—the first to be 14-square-foot or less—the second, eight-

square-foot or less, may be erected during the building or renovation period and for 10 days thereafter.

• Political signs—may be erected after the last date for qualification of candidates. Signs must be removed within seven days after the last election in which the candidates participate. If the signs are not removed, the city will remove them and bill the candidate for their removal and destruction.

• Signs, banners and flags supporting civic and charitable events—cannot exceed 32-square-feet. They cannot be erected more than 14 days in advance of the scheduled event, and must be removed within three days after the event, weather permitting. If they are not removed, the city will remove them and bill the sponsor or the event.

• Not permitted -- bench signs, cloth, paper and plastic advertising signs, signs on utility poles, trees, fences, movable letter signs, portable signs, rooftop signs and signs using rotating or flashing lights.

The ordinance also includes a formula to determine the size of business signs, which would be allowed in various parts of town.

It also allows for the electrical illumination of business signs, but the signs could not have flashing lights or moving parts that might tend to distract motorists or pedestrians.

An 'udderly' fanatical collection on display

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

When her daughter (and Kiln Library employee) Jenette Burlette asked permission to display part of her cow collection at the library, Emma Mittelstaedt couldn't imagine why anyone would be interest-

"But almost everyone, who comes in stops to look at the collection," said library branch Director Sandra Ladner. "It's been a successful display." Cows on Tour had its final day on Friday.

Mittelstaedt, a New Orleans native, is no stranger to collecting. She has been collecting barnyard animals for the past 40 years.

"I started off with roosters," said Mittelstaedt. "Pretty soon everyone was giving me roosters ... then all the cute cows and pigs started to come out, so I put my roosters in storage and changed to cows."

"Besides what people give her, Mittelstaedt gathers a lot of her ceramic, stuffed and wooden collection from garage sales and craft shows. She added many of the pieces to the collection from

one garage sale where the lady was practically giving them away, she said.

"If I see them, I can't resist them — I guess you could call me cow crazy," she said.

"When my children were small, my son used to bring in his friends and say, 'can you count how many roosters my mom has?' But they always got a different number ... I think it may be getting too cluttered around here. ... Now that the cows are on display at the library, I can't see how I ever fit them in here with all the others."

Mittelstaedt isn't the only collector in her family. Her granddaughter collects hats and her oldest daughter collects cabbage patch dolls.

"I guess it runs in the family," she said.

Mittelstaedt made a trip to Kiln to see her display. She says she does not foresee the tour will be an extended one.

"That is their debut and their finale, so they better make the most of it," she said.

Area students attend USM Gifted Studies

Some 20 students from the Gulf Coast area attended the 23rd annual Summer Gifted Studies Program June 24-29 at the University of Southern Mississippi, including:

-- Danny Cuervo, 11, of East Hancock Elementary, son of Paul and Faezuly Venus.

-- John Smuck, 10, of Diamondhead, son of Allan and Charlene Smuck.

-- Ashley Derenbecker, 11, of Second Street Elementary, daughter of Rhonda Derenbecker.

-- Ian Lomax Bennett Gorum, 10, of Second Street Elementary, son of Stacy Gorum and Wendell Gorum.

-- Sarah A. Freeman, 10, of Pass Christian Elementary, daughter of Pamela A. Freeman and Timothy E. Freeman.

The program is designed for intellectually and academically gifted students in grades 4-8 who were recommended by a teacher or counselor.

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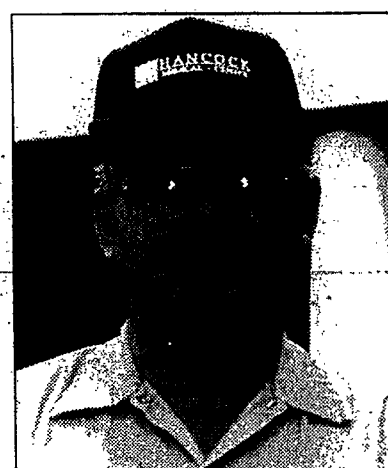


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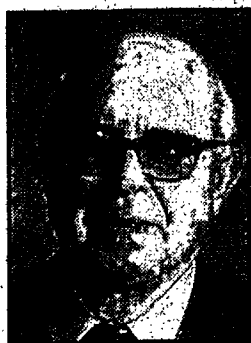
BENNIE SAUCIER
Employee of the Quarter

Maintenance technician Norman (Bennie) Saucier was named Hancock Medical Center's Employee of the Second Quarter for 2001.



Saucier is known for his versatility and expertise in every area of the construction and maintenance departments. His talents are many, and problem-solving ability is second to none, according to his supervisor. Congratulations for a job well done...

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Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

Do not forget to mark your calendars for Thursday, August 2, for the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce August Business After Hours.

You are invited by the sponsors, the Library Foundation of Hancock County and Patient's Choice (Jody Compretta), to the After Hours, 5 to 7 p.m. at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library, 312 Highway 90, Bay St. Louis.

The August After Hours is billed as a "party," as there will be some very good food, music, networking and fun.

Do not forget to bring a couple business cards, as there will be door prizes, too.

Whenever an After Hours is held at the library, it is always a very good party.

I hope to see you at the August After Hours Thursday evening.

It will not be long before footballs will be tossed or carried across the goal line.

High school football games are less than a month away, and other leagues are also forming.

The Lakeshore Youth Athletic Club's Pee-Wee football registration is already underway.

Registration is Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at the Lakeshore ballfield, 5:30-7 p.m. Age groups are 6, 7 and 8; 9 and 10; and 11 and 12. For further information, call Terri Lee at 463-0515 or Michelle Pate at 563-0911.

When one least expects it, one may be suckered into some type of scam.

We read about and view on television about various scams about the county on a pretty regular basis.

On Thursday, I received a memo from Hancock County Sheriff's Investigator Rita Blaize-Watson reporting two folks, one from Pas Christian and another from Hancock County, reporting they feel they have been victims of a scam.

A lady from the county reported she read an advertise-

ment in a daily newspaper that said it could help her with her credit. She sent almost \$1,000 to a company with a familiar name. After receiving no action, she then called the company she thought she was doing business with and was told they did not run the ads.

The woman had sent her money to an address with a suite number in Rhode Island, but it turned out actually to be a post office box.

The person in Pass Christian had a contract to build a carport for a certain amount, and the only thing done was a concrete slab. The contract called for a total price, of which 50 percent was to be paid before construction began and the balance at the end of the job.

Needless to say, when the gentleman contacted the contractor he was told it was going to cost him an additional amount to complete the carport which doubled the original contract.

Investigator Blaize-Watson said the Pass Christian resident also reported a resident of Hancock County who had trouble with the same carport contractor.

A complaint had been filed with the Pass Christian Police Department, and apparently the homeowners have the possibility of filing a civil suit against the contractor.

Investigator Blaize-Watson in her memo said, "I know both of these situations could have been avoided if the victims had done a little homework by calling the BBB (Better Business Bureau)."

A suggestion I would recommend, too, is that if someone is going to build something for you, they should have customers they have done projects for. Make sure you get several names and call them. You may even want to check their work. If someone is happy with a contractor, they will be happy to tell you so, and if they were not happy, chances are they will tell you that, too.

One must remember, it is your money that is being spent, so it is important for you to make sure that the company or person you are giving your money to is legitimate.

Energy exploration, if not now, when?

The Bush Administration has proposed new oil and gas exploration in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Florida, Alabama and Mississippi, but in a tract about six times smaller than originally proposed.

While I applaud this decision to use new domestic energy sources, I hope that we eventually fully explore this area known commonly as "lease sale 181."

Fuel prices are lower now, but remain unstable and ready to climb upward again at any moment. To those opposing new oil and gas exploration, I ask: if not now, when? If not in the Gulf, where?

Oil and gas exploration in the Gulf of Mexico is nothing new. For years, I have been able to stand on the front porch of my home in Pascagoula, look out over the Gulf and see a natural gas rig in the distance.

As a coastal resident, I am perfectly comfortable with this. It does not bother me. There is no risk. Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas and Alabama folks have welcomed this clean, responsible exploration off our coasts.

In turn, exploration has benefited our states greatly. Gulf lease sales have provided billions of dollars to protect our



FROM THE SENATE

By U.S. Senator
Trent Lott

nation's environment through the Land and Water Conservation Fund. Exploration has also produced thousands of jobs for our state's citizens.

However, as your U.S. Senator I am bothered by America's growing dependence on foreign oil, and the refusal of many in Congress to support domestic energy exploration.

They oppose exploration off the Atlantic Coast. They oppose exploration off the Pacific Coast. They oppose exploration on federally owned property in Alaska. They oppose the construction of new power plants. They oppose new refineries.

Truth be told, I suspect they oppose the modern world, yet I doubt any of these folks in Washington would be willing to give up their car, their washer, their dryer, or anything else that needs a dependable, affordable supply of energy.

These opponents continually trumpet conservation, and on that I do agree. We need to conserve energy, but it is unrealistic to think conservation alone can ease America's energy woes. I agree that alternative energy should be pursued.

However, even if we tripled our solar and windpower production that would only provide us just over five-percent of our energy needs. Clearly, more domestic oil and gas exploration has to be on the table if America plans to avoid a future energy catastrophe.

Though state officials in Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama had no problem with Lease Sale 181 in its entirety, Florida officials opposed it.

That opposition is what led to the curtailment of this sale from almost six-million acres to 1.4 million acres. That means just

over a sixth of the estimated 7.8 million cubic-feet of natural gas (most of which lies off the Alabama Coast) and 1.9 billion barrels of oil - enough to serve one million families for more than a decade - will remain far away from your fuel tank or your appliances.

Ironically, the state of Florida has approved construction of the Gulfstream Pipeline - a 740-mile, \$ 1.6 billion pipeline from coastal Alabama to the Tampa/St. Petersburg area to pipe natural gas from Mississippi and Alabama for the growing populations of South Florida.

In short, they do not want exploration near them, but they want the benefits. Those opposed to energy production have to understand that exploration is necessary, and conservation and production can coexist using modern exploration techniques.

Energy is arguably the most serious issue facing our country today. Until we address it with a long-term plan, I assure you gasoline and diesel prices will go up sharply again.

Prices have dropped for now, but it is only temporary bliss. Without a long-term plan, energy costs will rise much higher again without coming down.

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Had to take job out-of-town in order to pay the bills

Dear Editor:
In response to Travis Foreman's letter to me, Sandra Moran:

You're correct, Hancock County does not owe me anything, but I was trying to make a point to some people, and they know who they are without me listing their names.

When promised a job by several, and they don't follow through, the least they can do is acknowledge the fact (mail a letter) that I'm not experienced enough for that position.

Those are mostly people who

will want my help in the next election. Not only they, but I think it would only be common courtesy from any company to inform people by letter if they are hireable or not.

I too started work when I was 15, so you're not the only one. I did on two occasions take a break in order to have my children, then also a break after seven years, three months working graveyard shift at the casino.

Even though I went to the unemployment office and two outside hiring agencies in

Gulfport, sitting through three-hour sessions, they only would come up with jobs one day here and one day there.

That's no way to pay my bills, since my husband is on disabili-

ty and I am now the breadwinner of our family.

Yes, it was my choice to take the job in Pascagoula, but there

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again, I had no choice. I wanted my bills paid.

It's not fair to have my children or my husband's children to have to feed us.

I just hope you never find yourself in that position.

Yes, mostly probably I will stay in Pascagoula during the week and come home on the weekends.

It's just hard for me to be

away from my home, but until another opportunity comes along I must do what I have to do, and therefore most of my monies will be spent in Jackson County.

I see where you're running for Justice Court Judge East. From the bottom of my heart, I do wish you good luck.

Sandra Moran
Lakeshore

A judge should enforce all the laws, not just those he chooses

To the Editor:

Thank you so much for printing the article entitled "Hamby still eyes judge's position" written by Geoff Belcher in Sunday's edition.

Mr. Hamby's comments about which laws he would and would not enforce if or "when" elected Justice Court judge makes me laugh. This careless regard for the laws is just what we need here in Hancock County.

Mr. Hamby is trying to convince us that he is innocent of domestic violence and that he pled "no contest" because he was threatened by a 12-year-old forger charge - of which he claims he was also innocent. Come on! We are not stupid! Does he really expect us to believe this?

Mr. Hamby said that his troubles started when he

announced that he was going to run for judge. He said that the other deputies did not want him to be judge.

Perhaps they know the real Mr. Hamby. Perhaps they want the law enforced by a law-abiding citizen - not a convicted domestic violence abuser.

It is interesting to know that a former law enforcement officer does not believe that he has to enforce the laws concerning DUI and speeding.

If Mr. Hamby is elected Justice Court judge, it is obvious that there will be no protection for the citizens of Hancock County from drunk drivers, speeders or domestic violence abusers. Is this the judge that "his people" really want? Who are his "people"?

Sincerely,
J.L. Lader
Hancock County

City should respect, enforce all of the zoning ordinances

Dear Editor:

I am writing in response to the article, "Bay council backs zoning variance," that was published in The Sea Coast Echo July 22.

I would first like to say that the Browns are a welcome addition to the Melody Lane neighborhood.

Then, I would like to say that the Echo's article, incorrectly stated that the Browns' lot was a legal single-lot size for building a home when the Browns purchased it in 1986.

According to the information presented to the Council at their meeting on July 17, the Browns' lot was not a legal lot of record - 100 feet wide - at the time of purchase.

Councilman Tom Favre even

asked attorney John Scaife if the lot could be grandfathered in, which would be possible if the lot were purchased before the zoning restrictions were in effect, and Scaife shook his head and said "No."

The Council said they would continue to give zoning ordinance variances on a case-by-case basis. If zoning ordinances continue to be overturned by the Council's variances, then how can our neighborhoods develop and exist in a protected and appropriate manner?

Don't property owners have a right to feel secure because zoning ordinances are in effect in their neighborhoods?

Ruth Carlson
Bay Saint Louis

Lott

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Two-dollar a gallon prices are still looming on the horizon. Oil and gas exploration in the Gulf of Mexico should be part of a long-term, comprehensive national energy policy for America, which includes both conservation and new domestic exploration.

As we grow more dependent on foreign oil, America must either use our own resources or

succumb to the dictates of other energy-rich nations like Iran, Iraq and Libya. I prefer the former to the latter.

Senator Lott welcomes any questions and/or comments about this column. Write to: U.S. Senator Trent Lott, 487 Russell Building, Washington, D.C. 205 10. (Attention: Press Office.)

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People have waited long enough for good-paying jobs

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to Mr. Travis T. Foreman's correspondence dated July 22, 2001.

After reading Mr. Foreman's letter, it became evident to me that he is indeed a transplant from some area other than Hancock County.

Mr. Foreman obviously does not realize that the people from Hancock County have been a close community for the past two hundred years, and the Moran family has been a part of this community since the beginning.

It became clear to me after reading Mr. Foreman's letter to the editor that he does not have any feelings for the local populist and their need to work within the community in which they live.

Mr. Foreman, this is known as civic pride and has existed in this community for the past two hundred years. The people of Hancock County do not need you to chastise one of its citizens for expressing their discontent of job availability.

I personally believe that the people of Hancock County have waited long enough to be able to make a decent living within the county. You, as an outsider, probably do not realize that for many years our citizens have had to travel many miles to seek employment.

We as a people legalized gambling in an attempt to remedy this problem, so I support Mrs. Moran's discontent, and wish her luck in finding a good job within this community. I would also like to encourage her to stay in Hancock County as the Moran family has for many years.

Mr. Foreman's letter has shown me that he is not an understanding and compassionate person aware of our citizens' needs. Therefore, I believe that after Mr. Foreman's votes are counted and the community has spoken he will have a clear and better understanding of the words community and pride.

I am David J. Favre, Sr.
Bay St. Louis
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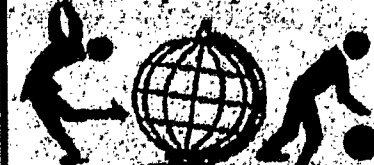
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Pee-Wee football registration

Lakeshore Youth Athletic Club has scheduled pee-wee football registration this Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at the Lakeshore ballfield, 5:30-7 p.m. daily.

Age groups are 6, 7 and 8; 9 and 10; and 11 and 12.

For information, call Terri Lee at 463-0515 or Michelle Pate at 586-0911.

Softball banquet set

The Dixie Youth Girls Softball League will have its award banquet Sunday, Aug. 5 at 6 p.m. at the Hancock County Civic Center on Longfellow Road in Bay St. Louis.

All girls must bring their pants, and all girls who went to district tournaments need to bring their medals and wear their uniform shirts. Coaches also need to turn in all equipment if they haven't done so.

If you haven't been contacted by your team manager, please call to let him or her know how many people will be coming, or call Gus McKay at 463-7135.

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NGA/Hooters Tour returns to Bay

For the second year in a row, the National Golf Association Tour, presented by Hooters Restaurants and Naturally Fresh Foods, is coming to The Bridges at Casino Magic in Bay St. Louis for the NGA/Bridges Classic presented by Casino Magic and WLOX-TV, July 30-Aug. 5.

"We're very excited to have the NGA/Hooters Tour back for a second year in a row," said John Davis, head golf professional at The Bridges at Casino Magic. The golf course is in great shape again this year, it should be another good test for the players.

"We are very excited to be coming back to Casino Magic and the Gulf Coast area. The community really gets behind the tournament, the players love the golf course, and it's always in great shape," said NGA/Hooters Tour President Robin L. Waters, PGA. "We're looking forward to another great week at Casino Magic."

The NGA/Hooters Tour is the third largest men's 72-hole professional golf tour in the country behind the PGA and Buy.com Tours and boasts alumni like two-time U.S. Open winner Lee Janzen, British Open and PGA Champion John Daly, as well as British Open winner Tom Lehman, Jim Furyk, David Toms, Stewart Cink, and Franklin Langham to name just a few.

The NGA/Hooters Tour has helped more than 100 professionals acquire their PGA, Senior PGA, and Buy.com cards. In fact, a full one-third of the players (33%) who earned their 2001 PGA Tour card, started their careers on the

NGA/Hooters Tour.

For more information about the NGA/Hooters Tour, visit web

site www.NGATOUR.com.

Those who have questions about sponsorship opportunities or interview requests before or during tournament week, please contact Regional Tournament Director Julie Clements at 404-307-4208, or the NGA TOUR office at 843-281-TOUR (8687).



Big fish

Joshua Ladner, son of Brian and Bridgette Ladner of Kiln, caught this 27-pound, 40-inch redfish at Creole Gap in Louisiana waters April 14. He was on a fishing trip with his uncle, Chuck Lally, and cousin Chase Ladner.

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Soccer
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The South Mississippi Soccer Club (SMSC) Select/Division I tryouts are set for Monday, Aug. 13 and Tuesday, Aug. 14, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Espy Avenue Soccer Complex.

Boys and girls, U-11 through U-18 should bring cleats, shin-guards, water and ball.

For information, contact John Atherton at 865-5620 or 896-8218.

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T-ball tournament

The McDonald's Waveland T-ball team narrowly lost to the Biloxi team in the final game of the Regional T-ball Tournament at Elwood Bourgeois Park. Players are, top row from left, Paige Morel, Mary Kay Karl, David Warman, Mikey Angle, Coty Mitchell, Brennon Dempsey and Hunter Felder; bottom row, Austin LaFontaine, Kaiser West, Tres Acosta, Dustin Ferrell, Trevor Mendoza and Dillan Jaye. Not pictured are coaches Mary Mitchell, Howard Dempsey and Mike Angle.

Mississippi Wildlife Extravaganza
slated for August 3-5 in Jackson

The Mississippi Wildlife Federation is gearing up for its largest and most diverse Wildlife Extravaganza in 15 years, slated for August 3-5.

"We've sold all our booth spaces and anticipate a record crowd. If you love the outdoors in Mississippi, you cannot afford to miss the Extravaganza. Our Extravaganza Planning Committee has worked diligently over the past year to find new seminars and programs that show goers will enjoy," said Dr. Marty Brunson, MWF president.

Among the new attractions will be the kick-off of the Magnolia Records Program, the state's first official deer record keeping program.

Biologist Rick Dillard will offer a seminar on the Magnolia Records Program on Saturday.

"Since we host the largest Big Buck Contest in the state and MWF is co-sponsoring the Magnolia Records Program with MDWFP, we thought this would be a great place to get the program started," said Brunson.

MWF will feature Bass Pro Homer Humphreys each day of the show. He will offer demonstrations and fish stories both on stage and in the CenturyTel booth.

Other featured speakers will include deer expert Dr. Steve Demarais, who will present a seminar titled "The Four-Point Rule - Effects on antler development in Mississippi."

Noted gourmet chef Billy Joe Cross, will entertain the crowd with demonstrations on preparing various game. "We've also invited some of our most popular speakers back, such as Preston Pittman, with all new

seminars and fresh topics this year," said Mike Goff, chairman of the Extravaganza Planning Committee.

The Traditional Archery Fun Shoot booth will be giving away three youth bows over the weekend. And don't let the children pass up the Daisy BB Range with MDWFP hunter safety instructors.

The 15th Annual Mississippi Wildlife Extravaganza takes place August 3-5 at the Trade Mart on the Fairgrounds in Jackson.

Show hours are 3-8:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 3, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. on Saturday, August 4, and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday, August 5.

For more information on the Mississippi Wildlife Extravaganza, call 601-206-5703 or visit website www.mswildlife.org.

NGA junior golf clinic open to all kids

National Golf Association Hooters Tour participants will conduct a free clinic open to junior golfers of all ages Wednesday, August 1 at 5:30 p.m. at The Bridges Golf Resort at Casino Magic in Bay St. Louis.

The clinic will cover golf basics and provide an opportu-

nity for children to meet professional golfers from around the area. The junior clinic is in conjunction with the NGA Hooters Tour tournament, The Bridges Classic. All children are encouraged to bring golf clubs.

This tour is the third largest qualifying 72-hole tour for the PGA. The public is invited to

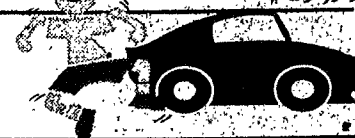
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7:30 a.m. Practice Rounds
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Wednesday, August 1

7:30 a.m. Practice Rounds
1 p.m. Pro-AM
5:30 p.m. Junior Clinic

Thursday, August 2

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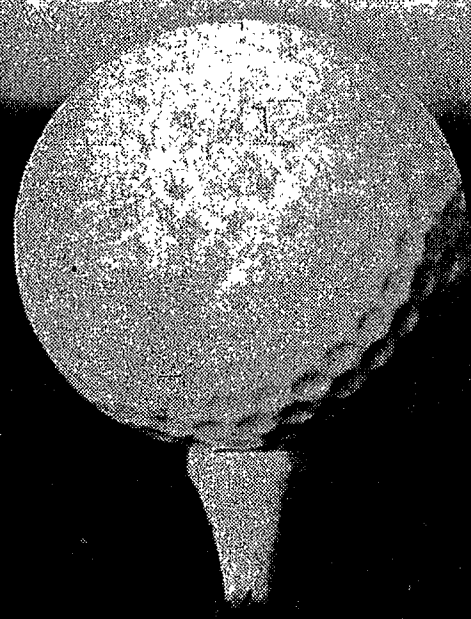
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Clay shoot winners

Police officers from the Hancock County Sheriff's Department, Bay St. Louis Police Department and Mississippi Department of Transportation, participated in a last weekend Clay shooting tournament at Terrell Cuevas' Clay Pit. Plaques were given by Cuevas to the following, front row from right, Deputy Brian Cuevas, over all winner; Investigator Bobby Underwood, Class "A" first place; Deputy Douglas Ladner, Class "A" second place; Deputy Brian Myers, Class "A" third place; and Bay Patrolman John Mitchell, Class "C" third place; top row, MDOT Officer Rodney Reeves, Class "B" first place; Deputy Everett Gikerson, Class "B" second place; Deputy Bubba Malley, Class "C" first place; and Terrell Cuevas. Not pictured, are Deputy Ron Borja, Class "B" third place; and Deputy A.J. Gile, Class "C" second place. Echo staff photo by Ellis C. Cuevas.

StingRays go through transition, change coaches in mid-season

The Gulf Coast StingRays are in a state of transition this week as the team has changed ownership.

New owner and head coach Glen Blaize takes command of the second year NFL team in hopes of turning around a disappointing season and bringing new life to the franchise.

Gone is owner and coach Matt Karl who was the founder of the team in 1999. Karl led the StingRays to an 8-3 record a year ago, but this year the StingRays have not shown the ability of last year's team.

Karl who is an investigator of the Hancock County Sheriff's Department, and the owner of a private security company, cited various reasons for his departure, but the main reason was time.

"The whole thing was just too much on me. I needed some time for some personal matters as well as at work. I still will be around, and I think that Glen and the other coaches will continue to do a good job. They just have a little bit more time to put into it," Karl said.

Tomson wins karate medals

Sky Tomson, a student at Bay High School, recently won a gold medal and a bronze medal at the Regional AAV Karate Competition.

The competition was held in Houston, Texas. Tomson competed against five competitors from Texas to win the gold medal for Kata and the bronze medal for Sparring.

This competition qualified Tomson to compete in the National Competition in Kenner at the Pontchartrain Center.

If he wins at least a bronze medal at this national competition, Tomson will qualify for Junior Olympics.

Sky Tomson has attended the Shotokan Karate School for two years.



Tomson

Blaize, the former special teams coach of the StingRays brings 13 years of coaching experience as well as some new ideas.

"We're going to try and salvage the season. We have a few of last year's players coming back, and the team has committed itself to football. I am glad for the opportunity to keep football here on the Gulf Coast. We owe it to the players who work hard, and the folks who support us," Blaize said.

Blaize's first line of business will be to attempt to upgrade the StingRays' offense. The StingRays' offense has been hurt by a lack of depth and some injuries. Blaize hopes that a few returning players from last year's team will help out.

Coming back is last year's starting quarterback Charlie Mitchell and starting guard Jimmy Strong.

Jason McGill, who was the StingRays' best receiver last year, will take over as the offensive coordinator.

The StingRay defense will remain under the thumb of coach Steve Odham. Odham's defense has played well, but they have been the victims of bad field position and turnovers.

The StingRays (2-3), have fallen on some hard times of

late, a 34-13 loss to the Panhandle Tigers and a 35-0 loss to the league leading Central Alabama Renegades have put the StingRays in trouble of missing the playoffs.

All in not lost however, as several StingRays are having excellent seasons.

Linebacker Derrick Cook has compiled 36 tackles, seven sacks, an interception and a fumble recovery in five games. Cornerback Jameel Mayo has four interceptions and has been an excellent cover man all season.

Marlin Norris had been a spark plug on special teams. Norris had averaged over 30 yards a return and leads the Panhandle Conference in kick off return yardage.

The StingRays will play this Saturday at home at Brother Phillip Stadium against the Memphis Blast, a team formed from the combination of the Mississippi Dragons and the Memphis Samurais.

"This is still a team of local guys who just want to play ball. We would like to see everyone come out and support these guys," Blaize added.

Anyone wanting to reach coach Blaize or the StingRays can call 467-8166.

Sea Wolves forward returns for third season

The Mississippi Sea Wolves announced the resigning of forward Dave Paradise for the 2001-2002 season. Paradise, the Sea Wolves all-time leader with 13 game winning goals, will return to the Wolves after registering 24 goals and 30 assists during the 2000-2001 season.

The St. Paul, Minn. native was named the Sea Wolves Offensive Player of the Month last December, and still holds the team record for most game winning goals in a season with 9.

"I'm very excited to be back with the Sea Wolves next season," said Paradise. "Bob Woods will make an excellent coach, and I'm looking forward to playing for him."

"If put in the right situation,

Dave is a guy who can score a lot of goals in this league," added Sea Wolves head coach Bob Woods.

"He wasn't satisfied with his performance over the past two seasons, but he knows he has something to prove. It's good for me as a coach to be surrounded by guys who have been with me in the past. He's a great ambassador for the Sea Wolves in the community, and I know he is a player I can count on."

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For information, contact Matt McDonnell at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum at 228-594-3700.

Area opens to shrimping

The Department of Marine Resources (DMR) has approved the opening of the following area to commercial and recreational shrimping activity, effective last Thursday, July 26, at 6 a.m.

All waters south and west of a line beginning at Beacon 18 in the Biloxi Bay Channel, and thence running northwesterly to Beacon 22 in the Biloxi Bay Channel, thence northwesterly to Beacon 26 in the Biloxi Bay Channel, thence westerly to Beacon 34, exclusive of the Biloxi Channel itself, thence westerly to Beacon 30 in the Biloxi Channel, exclusive of the Biloxi Channel itself, and thence due south to a point on north shore of Deer Island, thence running westerly following the north shore of Deer Island to the westernmost tip, thence running westerly in the most direct line to Biloxi Beacon 8.

Sampling has determined that the shrimp in this area have met the legal minimum size of 66 shrimp per pound.

Shrimp season closes at midnight, Dec. 31, 2001 except south of the Intracoastal Waterway. All state waters close to shrimping activity, except live bait shrimping, at midnight, April 30, 2002.

Recreational, commercial marine warning

The Corps of Engineers will perform dredging operations in Pass Christian in Bayou Portage and the Wolf River area to the Bay St. Louis ship channel through September.

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"The larger contributions of \$1,000 to \$5,000 from individuals in past years are slowing down," said Latham. "The purpose of the membership drive is to recruit as many people across the Gulf Coast who care about abused and neglected children as we can."

Latham said that Hope Haven hopes to hear of continued support from organizations like the Brett Favre Foundation and the Mississippi Sea Wolves, but that they are also looking for contributions from the average household or the average person who is willing to make a contribution of whatever they can afford.

Contributions may be made or memberships bought in lump sums, monthly payments, or by Visa or Mastercard, "which makes it really easy to donate," Latham said. "Contributions may even be made on line at hopehavenshelter.org."

Latham said that many people may not realize that a monetary gift is not the only way of contributing to the shelter. "We have also seen a decrease in items we use at the shelter like paper towels, plates, any paper products, cleaning supplies, detergent, dish soap, anti-bacterial soap, hair products for the children and deodorant," said Latham. "We are inviting everyone to consider donating things like old cars or boats, property, land or lots. I think most people would be surprised at the tax benefits of donating these items and of course, there

is the extra added bonus of knowing that they have done something to help someone else."

Hope Haven can also be remembered in a will, Latham said. For those with larger estates, a charitable contribution can save heirs the trouble of going through probate proceedings.

"We took a chance and spent about \$100,000 on buying and building a new shelter," said Latham. "We did it because we got tired of turning away local children because of a lack of space - we had to turn away about 160 children last year."

Hope Haven has little hope of state help this year, said Latham, because of budget shortfalls, a slow economy and badly needed teacher pay raises in the state. "It appears unlikely there will be a surplus of funding this year," said Latham.

"That means we are back to the basics of looking for a lot of small contributors. We call the drive a 'new beginning.'" Hope Haven's goal is to add about 300 more members to the present 200 and a yearly contribution base of about \$25,000, Latham said. "Our motto is and always has been, 'We are needy, not greedy.' We believe that every child who has been abused or neglected should have a safe place to be until their life can be straightened out."

Contributions are down 25 percent from last year, Latham said. The membership drive

Lung Association names South Mississippi program coordinator

The American Lung Association of Mississippi has appointed Matt McGahan, MPH, RN as their health program coordinator for South Mississippi.

McGahan, a Gulfport resident, recently retired after 25 years of service in the U.S. Navy Nurse Corps. During his last tour, he served as health and wellness coordinator for the Naval Construction Battalion Center and Medical Clinic in Gulfport.

"This is a new position for us," said Elizabeth Barber, ALAM executive director. "We work with so many schools and organizations in the South Mississippi and Gulf Coast area, and we know we can provide better service to the community by having local representatives working with our volunteers in the area. Matt has been an outstanding volunteer and intern, and we are very pleased to have him on board full-time."

McGahan will coordinate all



Matt McGahan

lung health programs and services for a 10-county area including school and civic programs, smoking cessation and prevention activities, asthma education and other health education efforts. His territory includes Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Pearl River, Stone, George, Lamar, Forrest, Perry and Greene counties. For more information, call ALAM at 1-800-586-4872.

Nationally known speakers at Juvenile Justice Conference

Juvenile justice practitioners from across Mississippi will convene Aug. 1-3 at the Grand Veranda Hotel Tunica for the 28th Annual Juvenile Justice Conference.

The conference will feature presentations by some of the nation's foremost juvenile justice authorities. Among them will be James Bell, director of the W. Haywood Burns Institute for Juvenile Justice Fairness and staff attorney for the Youth Law Center, San Francisco, and W. Jefferson Flanders, public relations and crime prevention specialist, Sheriff's Department, Lexington County, S.C., and immediate past president of the National Law Enforcement Officers Assoc.

Among those who have been invited to welcome conference participants are Gov. Ronnie Musgrove, Public Safety Commissioner David Huggins and Janice Broome Brooks, executive director, Mississippi Department of Human Services. Workshops will cover topics such as new trends in handling status offenders, law enforcement response to run-aways, truancy diversion services, dysfunctional family systems, alcohol and other drug abuse prevention, achieving defensible interviews with children, mental health and substance abuse disorders among incarcerated juveniles, effect of domestic violence on children, satanic cults and youth gangs, Internet crime, mobilizing local communities, minority overrepresentation in secure detention and correctional facilities, bridging the generation gap and placement or sentencing alternatives. Various awards will be presented at the conference to those who have made particularly noteworthy contributions to juvenile justice.

"The conference theme, '2001 Juvenile Justice Odyssey,' relates to many changes, and it certainly fits what's happening in the juvenile justice field," according to Judge Leslie G. Johnson, director, Mississippi Judicial College and the American Institute of Justice, and Dr. Billy V. White Jr., executive director, Mississippi Division of Public Safety Planning. "Dealing with these changes is a tremendous challenge, and, with presentations from outstanding juvenile justice authorities and participants sharing ideas with each other, the conference should be extremely helpful in equipping

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Airport

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which has an airport without daily flights, got around the restriction by naming one of the exits off Interstate 12 "Airport Boulevard."

Walters thinks a name change on state Hwy. 603 would allow the airport to place a sign on Interstate 10 in both directions.

Under the plan, Hwy. 603, from its junction with I-10 and north to the Kiln, would be named, "Stennis Airport Parkway."

The southbound portion of Hwy. 603 to U.S. Hwy. 90 in Waveland is named after long-time civic leader J. Norton Haas, Sr.

Commissioner Harry Favre said he wouldn't have any objections to renaming that

portion of Hwy. 603 running north to the Kiln, Stennis Airport Parkway, as long as the Haas family did not object.

He asked Walters to check out whether the Haas designation of the highway stops at I-10 and 603.

Commissioners passed a resolution supporting the name change, providing there was no objection. The resolution also needs concurrence by the Hancock County Board of Supervisors.

Walters said he was also checking to see whether the name change would also require some kind of action by the state legislature.

Bank

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ing van, possibly a GM model, and escaped onto Hwy. 90 - nobody's sure which direction," McNeil said.

Witnesses described the robber as a white male, around 5'8" to 5'9" tall.

"At this time, we have no suspects," McNeil said.

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Kennedy last week deferred all comments to the police.

The robbery is under investigation by Bay P.D. detectives Matt Carver and Joe Kepfer. Anyone with information relating to the crime or the identity of the perpetrator should call the police department at 467-9221.

Republican Women's Club to meet Wednesday, Aug. 15

BY MARTA SWEENEY
Publicity Chairman

All ladies and gentlemen, including teens and college students who believe in the principles of the Republican Party, are invited by the Hancock County Republican Women's Club to a luncheon on Wednesday, Aug. 15 at 11:30 a.m. at the Diamondhead Country Club.

Guest of honor and guest speaker will be United States Senator Thad Cochran.

Cost for the luncheon is \$25 for adults and \$15 for teens and college students.

Funds raised on behalf of the women's club are distributed equally to Hancock County Republican candidates and to deserving Hancock County organizations, such as Hope Haven and the Food Pantry and others.

Reservations are a must, because seating is limited. Call 255-8119 or 255-2622 for reservations. Mail checks to Republican Women's Club, P.O. Box 6382, Diamondhead, MS 39525-6000.

Receipt of check will be considered confirmation of the reservation.

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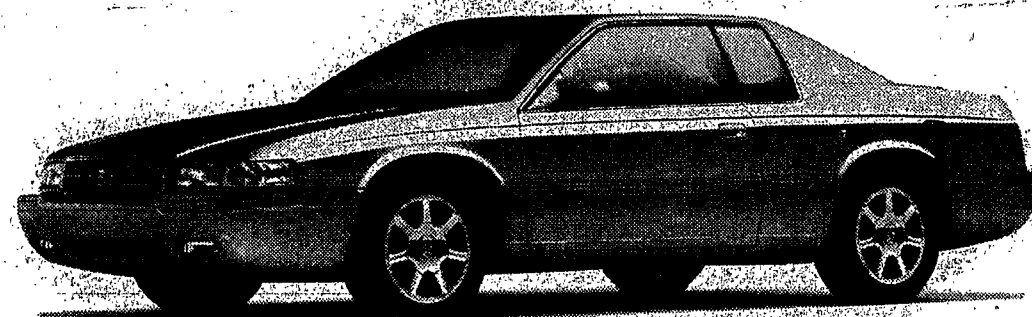
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Obituaries

VERNA M. BARABINO
KEVIN L. CUEVAS SR.
ETHEL SIMPKINS
GLADYS SMITH
DOROTHY WILLER

VERNA M. BARABINO
 Verna M. Barabino, 82, of Bay St. Louis, died Friday, July 27, 2001, in Bay St. Louis.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

KEVIN L. CUEVAS SR.
 Kevin Leo Cuevas Sr., 46, died Friday, July 27, 2001.

Mr. Cuevas was a native of the White Cypress Community, and had been a resident of Harvey, La., for the past 16 years.

He was a member of Knights of Columbus Council No. 1905, and had been an employee of Coca Cola Mfg. and Chemrich Inc.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jean Garriga Cuevas and John L. Cuevas; and grandparents Eula Mae and Sidney Garriga and Alex and Mary Jane Cuevas. Survivors include his wife, Ann April Cuevas; sons—Kevin Leo Cuevas Jr. and Verner John April; and daughters April and Becky Ann Cuevas; brother Roger Cuevas;

sisters Susan and Devron Cuevas; grandchildren Angelica Rogers Jones, Victoria and Morgan April. He was also the guardian of Roland Roy and Patrick Bourgoyne.

A Funeral Mass will be held at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Gretna on Wednesday, Aug. 1 at 1 p.m.

Visitation will be held at the church from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Mothe Funeral Home Inc. is in charge of arrangements.

ETHEL SIMPKINS

Ethel Bell Simpkins, 66, of Waveland, died Tuesday, July 24, 2001, in Gulfport.

Mrs. Simpkins was a native of Waveland and was a homemaker.

She was a member of Mount Chapel Baptist Church, a member of the choir, a Sunday School teacher and Vacation Bible School teacher.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roland Simpkins; her parents, Sylvester and Gena M. Harrington; and a brother, Earl Harrington.

Survivors include three daughters, Elizabeth Simpkins Allen of Waveland, Ann Simpkins and Deneen Terry, both of St. Paul Minn.; two sons, Michael and James Simpkins, both of Waveland; a sister, Eula

Short of St. Paul; three brothers, Willie Johnson of Boston, Mass., Mack Harris of Bay St. Louis and Sylvester Harrington II of Waveland; and four grandchildren.

Services will be conducted 11 a.m. Monday at Mount Chapel Baptist Church in Waveland where friends may call one hour before services. Burial will be in Waveland Cemetery directed by Baylous Funeral Home in Picayune.

GLADYS SMITH

Gladys Virginia Lyons Smith, 86, of Picayune, died Thursday, July 26, 2001, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Smith, a native of Sault Ste. Marie, Mi., was a former bookkeeper and a member of the Church of Christ, Picayune.

Survivors include one sister, Dorothy Labarba and brother-in-law Don Labarba, both of Easton, Pa.; a son, Walter Moran of Picayune; four daughters, Lela Peterson of Bay St. Louis, Mae Carver of Pass Christian, Yvonne Romagosa of Diamondhead and Doris Roberts of Picayune; 17 grandchildren; 35 great grandchildren; and eight great-great grandchildren.

Visitation will be Thursday, Aug. 2, from 10 a.m. to noon at Picayune Funeral Home, with

services to begin at noon in the funeral home chapel. Minister Pat Lee will officiate.

Burial will follow in the Floral Hills Cemetery, Gulfport. The family prefers donations to the Picayune Animal Shelter.

DOROTHY WILLER

Dorothy A. "Dot" Willer, 78, of Diamondhead, died Wednesday, July 25, 2001, in Long Beach.

Mrs. Willer was born July 10, 1923 in Owego, Iowa.

She was an avid bridge player who attained a life master ranking. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lt. Col. James E. Willer, USAF, Ret.; a son, Lonnie E. Willer; and her parents, William and Louise VanKirk Chilton.

Survivors include sons Rodney Willer of Diamondhead and Clinton W. Willer of Franklin, Tenn.; daughter Yvonne Evans of Greensboro, N.C.; brother William Chilton; and sisters Bonnie McGill, Betty Sims, and Alane Johnson, all of Oregon; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be private.

The family prefers memorials to the Alzheimer's Association.

Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

Arboretum announces Aug. program calendar

The Crosby Arboretum in Picayune offers:

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Crosby Arboretum Children's Garden Classes a Success

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Meeting every Saturday morning, the children learned about propagating plants from seeds and cuttings, about root division, planting, butterfly plants, and more.

A highlight of the course was planting a boot garden, when they planted annuals and perennials inside of old boots.

Jane Flower said, "The kids really had a great time, and I learned a lot." They had such a great time that they asked for another summer session."

The next six-week gardening course is scheduled to begin Saturday, July 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. The program is for children ages 6-10 and is

free.

Pearl River County Master Gardeners and staff member Terry Johnson will conduct the classes. For information, call the Crosby Arboretum at 601-799-2311.

Pearl River County Junior Master Gardener Program

The Pearl River County Extension Service, the Crosby Arboretum and the Pearl River County Master Gardeners have joined efforts to initiate a Junior Master Gardener Program for Pearl River County.

Administered through Amanda Woods, Pearl River County 4H agent, the JMG Program will offer to area schoolchildren learning lessons in horticulture and gardening.

The program will offer the opportunity for 4H garden clubs to be formed in schools, and for the presentation of gardening topics in classes and at teacher workshops.

The Crosby Arboretum will offer Junior Master Gardener topics to visiting classes, and for presentation at Pearl River County schools. The selected

topics are a part of the requirements of the Mississippi Science Framework for grades one through six.

If you are interested in participating as a Junior Master Gardener instructor, or are a teacher interested in the program, please contact the Arboretum office at 601-799-2311 for additional details.

The Crosby Arboretum is located in Picayune. Take I-59 to Exit 4 and follow the signs; or from the Gulf Coast, take I-10 to the Waveland exit and proceed north on Highway 603 to Highway 43 to Picayune.

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Diamondhead Performing Arts Society schedule of 2001 events

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Sunday, Sept. 30, 7 p.m., Ronnie Kole and His Orchestra.

They will be touring nationally this year.

Sunday, Oct. 21, 7 p.m., Casual Classics. Soprano Nancy Ross and cast will entertain.

Sunday, Nov. 18, 7 p.m., Marcia Ball, the ever popular New Orleans singer with a variety of presentations.

Sunday, Dec. 2, 7 p.m., the University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast Civic Chorale. An old-fashioned Christmas program.

* As in the past, no shows are scheduled during the Mardi Gras season.

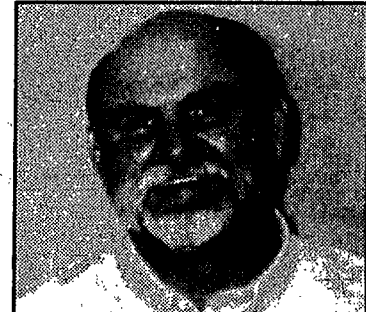
Sunday, March 10, 7 p.m., OHJB (Over the Hill Jazz Band). This fun program is bound to induce some serious toe tapping.

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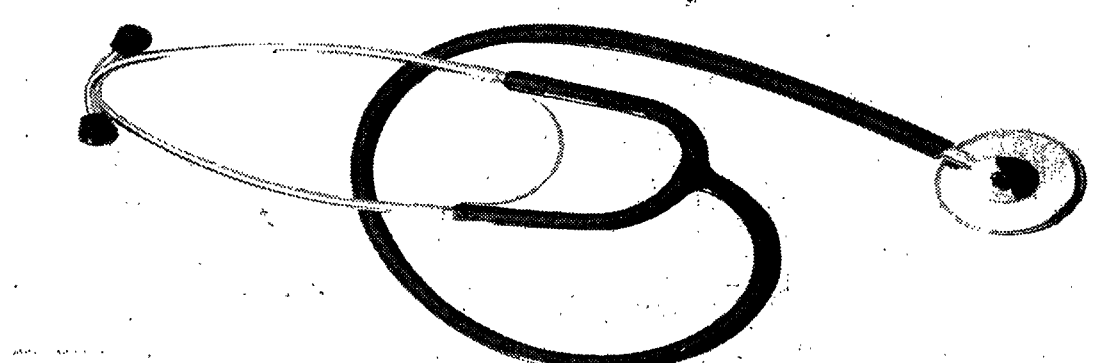
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BUSINESS NEWS

Mississippi Power schedules energy management seminar

Mississippi Power will hold free home energy seminars at several different Coast locations Monday, Tuesday and Thursday of next week.

The Keys to Comfort seminars will focus on identifying home energy wasters, turning energy wasters into energy savers, and easy home energy improvements.

"We believe it's important to help customers make wise energy decisions," said company spokesman Kurt Brautigam. "There are lots of simple things people can do to better manage the way they use energy in their homes. We hope that everyone who attends these seminars will pick up useful information and

good energy advice."

The first Keys to Comfort seminar will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, July 30 at the Holiday Inn Airport on Highway 49 in Gulfport.

On Tuesday, July 31 at 2 p.m. the seminar will be presented at Mississippi Power's customer service office on Highway 90 East in Bay St. Louis.

The third seminar will be Thursday, August 2 at 2 p.m. at Mississippi Power's Telephone Road office in Pascagoula.

Mississippi Power, a Southern Company affiliate, serves approximately 192,000 customers in 23 southeast Mississippi counties.

FGH announces rejection of Petrodrill contract

Friede Goldman Halter, Inc. (OTCBB: FGHLQ), announced last week that the bankruptcy court has officially rejected the Petrodrill contracts.

On June 12, FGH filed a motion with the bankruptcy court to reject the two contracts for the construction of the two "Amethyst" offshore drilling rigs for Petrodrill, a Brazilian company.

These highly unprofitable contracts caused substantial losses to the company, and were one of the two key influences in conjunction with the losses suffered on the Ocean Rig Bingo program, which led to the company's decision to file Chapter 11. By virtue of this order, to company's contractual obligations on this project are terminated.

Unsuccessful negotiations for

the terms of completion of these two unprofitable contracts with Petrodrill and the surety, Fireman's Fund Insurance Company, a wholly owned subsidiary of the German insurance company Allianz, led to the filing of this rejection motion.

According to John Afford, president and chief executive officer of FGH, "We are pursuing alternatives with Petrodrill to help them finish these rigs. We are not opposed to alternatives that may be offered which would help them finish this project. Earlier this year, we were successful in reaching an agreement to assist Ocean Rig, ASA in the completion of their rigs."

Friede Goldman Halter continues to work towards profitability and has been signing contracts with long-time customers on a regular basis.

Lehmborg named director of marketing at Copa Casino

Copa Casino, Gulfport, has announced the appointment of William Lehmborg as director of marketing.

Lehmborg came to Copa Casino from the Biloxi Sun Herald, where he held the position of senior marketing consultant and product development manager.

Prior to this, he was executive vice president of American Gaming Corporation, Biloxi, and director of business development for Europa Cruise Lines, Pensacola.

Originally from Columbus,

Miss. Lehmborg resided in Las Vegas and San Francisco before moving to the Coast in 1992.

A graduate of Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, he and his wife now reside in Biloxi.

Copa Casino, the Mississippi Gulf Coast's only locally-owned casino, opened Sept. 14, 1993.

The 503-ft. former luxury cruise liner features 27,000 square feet of gaming space with over 825 slot machines and 23 table games.



FINANCIAL FOCUS

Submitted by
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Boost college savings with 529 plan

College costs are high - and they're going up. So if you're a parent with young children, when should you should you start saving?

How about today? It's never too soon to start saving for college. Consider the numbers: For the 2000-2001 school year, the average cost for tuition, fees, room and board at a four-year private college is \$22,541 per year, according to the College Board.

For a four-year public school, the corresponding cost is \$5,470 per year. If college costs rise just 4 percent a year for the next 18 years, today's newborns will face a four-year bill of about \$194,000 for an average private college and \$73,000 for an average public school.

Those are big numbers. But you can make them more manageable if you start saving early.

And one of the better savings vehicles you have available is a Section 529 plan, named after the portion of the IRS code authorizing these accounts.

You can establish a 529 plan for your children or grandchildren. And you can choose from two types of this plan:

Prepaid tuition programs
In a prepaid tuition plan, you buy future tuition credit - at today's prices - at an in-state public school.

Tax-deferred savings plans

Under these plans, your earnings grow tax-deferred until you withdraw the money to pay for qualified higher education costs. Withdrawals are then taxed at the student's tax rate, which will typically be lower than yours.

Of the two arrangements, the tax-deferred savings plan is far more popular because it doesn't restrict students to certain colleges in specific states, as does the prepaid tuition plan.

In other words, you can invest in any state's plan. Also, you'll receive several other significant benefits, including the following:

• *You can contribute large amounts.*

Generally, you can contribute more than \$100,000 per year to a 529 plan, although contribution limits vary by state. You may want to consider the applicable gift tax rules.

• *You control withdrawals.*

If you're the account owner of the 529 plan, you'll manage all withdrawals for the life of the account. The student doesn't automatically take control of the assets at the age of majority. You can even change beneficiaries, if you choose.

• *You'll minimize the impact on financial aid awards.*

Because the money in a 529 plan is held in your name, it won't significantly jeopardize any financial aid packages your child or grandchild may receive.

Colleges generally require students to contribute 35 percent of their assets to pay for school, compared to less than 6 percent for parents.

The 529 plan offers some important benefits. But make sure you use your plan strictly for college.

If you make a withdrawal for anything other than higher education expenses, you may have to pay taxes and a 10 percent penalty on the earnings at your tax rate.

Also, keep in mind that different state plans choose different money managers - so you might want to research the organization that's investing your money.

But if you're satisfied that you've found a good 529 plan, give it some careful consideration - it can help you cope with the high costs of higher education.

Aultz named CenturyTel southern region vice president

Andrew Aultz has joined CenturyTel as vice president of the company's southern region. Based out of the company's regional office in Shreveport, La., he will be responsible for operations in Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, Tennessee and Mississippi.

"Andrew's fresh approach to the opportunities and challenges CenturyTel currently faces will prove invaluable," said Nick Bowman, former acting southern region vice president. "He has a particularly keen ability to look at both sides of an equation and address it from an objective point of view."

Aultz brings nearly 25 years of experience in telecommunications to CenturyTel, including stints as Southwestern Bell region vice president (Arkansas) and vice president of competitive local exchange company (CLEC) at Alltel.

"I'm eager to get to know the southern region team," Aultz said. "I look forward to helping them provide the superior service that CenturyTel customers

expect. Our employees make the difference."

CenturyTel, Inc. provides communications services including local exchange, wireless, long distance, Internet access and data services to nearly three million customers in 21 states.

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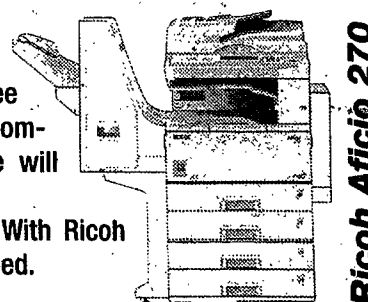
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Gulf Program, USM offer free teacher workshops

The Gulf of Mexico Program and the University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast are cosponsoring four free teacher workshops for 9th and 10th grade science and environmental teachers.

The workshops, scheduled for 8 a.m. until noon or 1 p.m. until 5 p.m., August 21 or 22, will introduce teachers to an interactive, multimedia program on CD called, "Ecoventures: Focus on the Gulf."

The workshops will be led by CD developer Dr. David LaHart of Florida State University. Each teacher will receive a free copy of the CD and training includes an overview of the print components of the disc including the Student Field

Notebook, Educator's Guide, the Laboratory Manual, and the EcoReader.

Ecoventures lets students enter the fictional world of R.U. Green National Park to help solve realistic environmental issues affecting the Gulf of Mexico.

It contains all the programs and files needed to explore the Gulf of Mexico and its environment. Video clips describe the research issue at each sub-site and challenge students to discover a possible solution to the problem. Video, interactive art, and more than 700 slides illustrate Field Guides and the EcoTours. Consultants are available to help answer user's questions.

A video encyclopedia is also available. After students complete the on-line activities, or Ecoventures, they then develop a Management Plan for R.U. Green National Park.

Space is limited to 15 teachers or curriculum developers per session and available on a first-come, first-served basis. For information or to register, call Terry Hines Smith at 228-688-1159 by Aug. 15 or visit the Gulf of Mexico Program web site at www.gmpo.gov and download a PDF version of the workshop flyer to fill out and fax to 228-688-2709.

The Gulf of Mexico Program is underwritten by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and is a non-regulatory, inclusive consortium of state and federal government agencies and representatives of the business and agricultural community, fishing industry, scientists, environmentalists and community leaders from all five Gulf states. The Gulf Program seeks to improve the environmental health of the Gulf in concert with economic development.



Laura Kergosien

Kergosien receives national recognition

Our Lady Academy seventh grader, Laura Kergosien, was honored for her achievement as a top participant in the Duke University Talent Identification Program (TIP). Laura is the second OLA student to receive this national recognition.

TIP's Talent Search identifies seventh graders in 16 states in the Southeast, Midwest and Southwest who have scored in the top five percent on national achievement tests.

The 88,870 Talent Search students for 2000-2001 participated by taking either the American College Testing Assessment (ACT) or the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT).

Laura took the ACT and scored in the top 1 percent of the Talent Search group. She and 1,158 other students earned scores higher than 90% of the college-bound high school seniors and were recognized at the National ceremony on Duke University's campus. There was also a Mississippi recognition ceremony in Hattiesburg.

On May 20, Laura arrived at the Duke University campus in Durham, N. C., for the TIP Family Conference and Grand Recognition Ceremony. She received a medal in honor of her accomplishment within Duke Chapel, a Gothic-style cathedral built in the 1830s.

Laura socialized with other grand recognition honorees, enjoyed an interactive science show by Discovery Place, a Charlotte, N. C. science and nature museum, and learned about educational opportunities and summer programs for gifted teens.

TIP is a nonprofit, educational organization designed to identify and develop academic talent. Over the past decade, the Duke University TIP has established itself as the largest program of its kind in the nation.

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Byrd graduates

Sibil Carver Byrd recently received the doctor of jurisprudence degree from the Mississippi College School of Law. She graduated magna cum laude. While in school, she was awarded Best Exam in Property II, Mississippi Practice and Trial Practice. She was a recipient of the Mississippi Bar Association Business Law Section Scholarship Award. She was a member of Phi Delta Phi Fraternity and a student member of the American Inns of Court. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of North Carolina. She is the spouse of David C. Byrd of Waveland.

State's CIAP draft plan available for comment

The State of Mississippi's draft plan for the Coastal Impact Assistance Program is now available on the web site for the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ).

The site address is www.deq.state.ms.us.

A viewer can click on the web site button for the Coastal Impact Assistance Program to find the plan summary, the index to the 81 projects that are going to be recommended for approval to the United States Department of Commerce, and a copy of each project proposal abstract.

Bicyclists and motorists have many common safety rules

Bicyclists should be aware that many of the safety rules applying to motorists also apply to them, according to the Mississippi Division of Public Safety Planning.

"Some bicyclists may think that, because they're on bicycles, they don't have to follow the rules that apply to motorists in lanes of motor vehicle traffic," said Dr. Billy White Jr., the division's executive director.

"Actually just the opposite is true," White noted the following steps bicyclists must take when riding in lanes of motor vehicle traffic:

- * Ride on the right side of the roadway, and travel in the same direction as motor vehicles.

- * One-way signs also mean one-way for bicycles.

- * Obey all other roadway signs such as yield to oncoming traffic.

- * If one or more bicycles are following another, ride single file near the curb.

- * Come to a complete stop at all stop signs and red traffic lights.

- * Signal turns and stops. If you're going to turn left, put your left arm out, parallel to the roadway. If you're going to turn right, raise your left arm so that it's parallel to the roadway up to your elbow and straight up from your elbow to your hand. If you're going to stop, put your left arm angling slightly out at your side.

He also offered the following safety suggestions:

- * Always wear your helmet, and be sure the straps are snug.
- * Walk your bicycle at busy corners.

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Hibiscus gives a tropical facade



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When you look at a tropical hibiscus blooming on your deck or patio, it is easy to conjure up visions of the Caribbean and the sounds of a steel band.

It's funny how plants can mentally take us where neither our budget nor time will allow. Can a perennial hibiscus do the same? You bet your bottom dollar!

Garden centers have been loaded with an assortment of perennial and tropical hibiscus that can make our backyards resemble the exotic look of the islands.

The tropical hibiscus, known botanically as *Hibiscus rosa-sinensis*, is an evergreen shrub in warm climates. Our coastal counties grow it as a perennial, but the rest of us have to protect it in the winter.

Perennial hibiscuses have names like *Hibiscus moscheutos*, *Hibiscus coccineus* and even *Malvaviscus arboreus*.

The tropical hibiscus originated in China. Many of the perennial hibiscuses originated in the southern United States and in South America.

All are related to our well-known cotton and okra plants. The tropical hibiscus has spec-

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Batteries not included

Hundreds of buyers from around the country pack Stennis Space Center for munitions plant auction

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

The small signs directing potential buyers to an auction underway at Mason Technologies Inc. on Friday, at Stennis Space Center, were no indication of the dynamic and fascinating process under way at the now-defunct munitions plant.

Hopeful bidders from all across the United States filled the enormous 1.4 million sq. foot facility to bid on items ranging from industrial shelving to tools to manufacturing equipment.

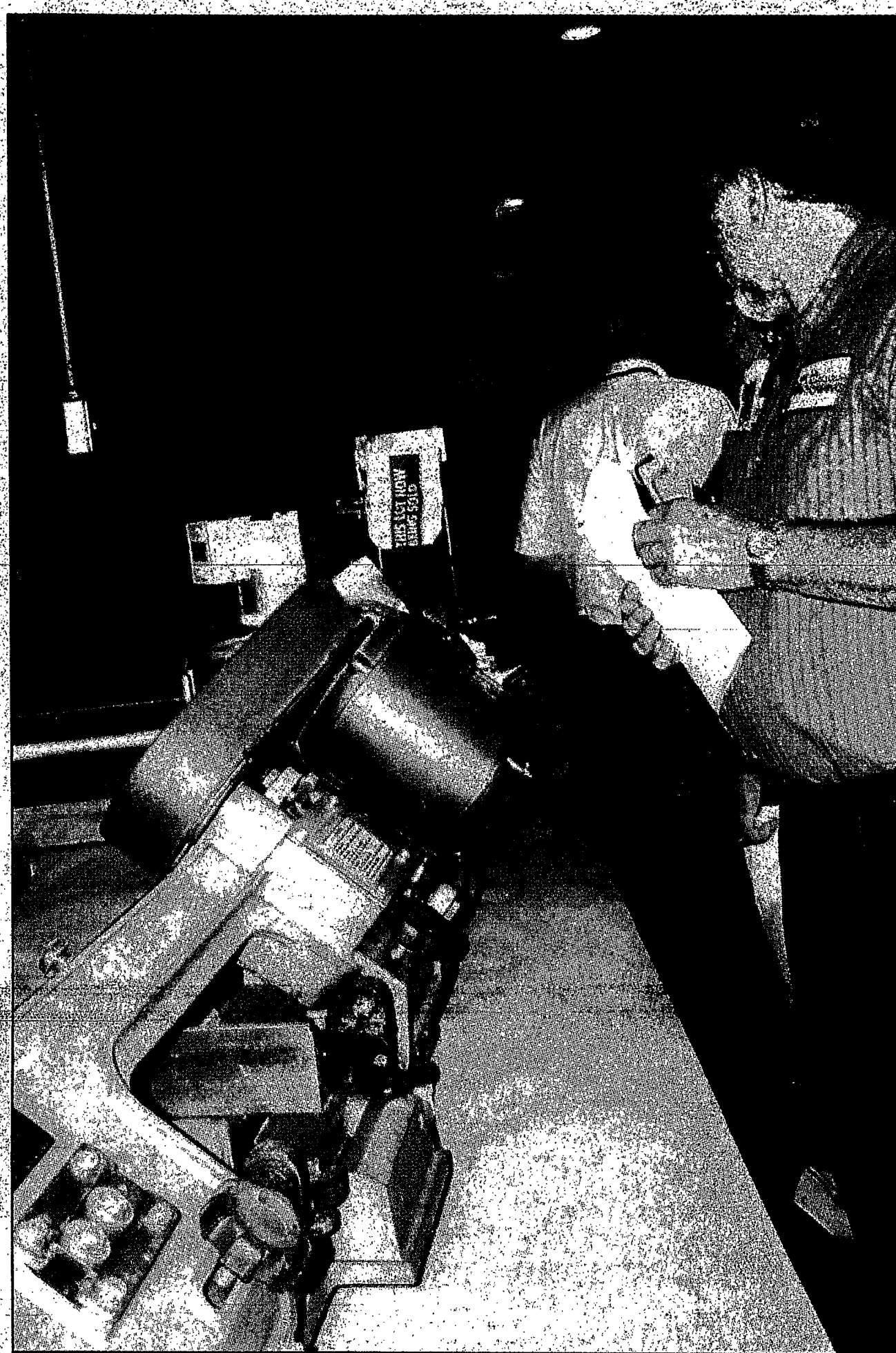
What isn't sold in the auction will be scrapped to clear the remaining 400,000-plus sq. feet in the building, which will be available for lease as early as next year. The remaining 600,000 sq. feet is already leased to such concerns as Boeing and others. Any equipment purchased at the auction must be disassembled and moved out of the facility by the

end of the year.

On Friday morning, the auction got under way with some smaller items. At first glance, the process appeared to be a casual milling of customers inspecting a variety of items scattered throughout the large auction room. In a far corner, workers busily set up a table of food and drink items, and attendees visited amongst themselves.

The atmosphere was one that was more of a social get-together than a highly-competitive process of serious business that can net sellers and auctioneers from the hundreds of thousands of dollars to the millions. The auction was handled by the international business auction company, Dovebid, based out of Foster City, Ca., near San Francisco.

Dovebid President Robert Levy headed up the process from his portable podium that circulated around the room to each group of equipment. Levy himself lent a social air to the occasion, smiling and joking from the podium, coming across more as an entertainer



Hundreds of potential buyers from all over the country on Wednesday and Thursday congregated at the now-defunct Mason Technologies Inc. munitions plant at Stennis Space Center.

on a stage, rather than the deadly serious businessman that he has proved himself to be in his 21 years in the business.

Levy has been with Dovebid for about a year and a half, he said, since the large concern bought out his own auction

business, Norman Levy and Associates out of Southfield, Mi. "We were always friendly competitors," said Levy. "And it was a friendly takeover."

The company handles auctions the world over and has 22 offices in 11 countries. It has handled auctions for such cus-

tomers as Eastern Airlines, Boeing and McDonald/Douglas, to name a few. Levy recalled an auction which involved such diverse locations as California, Malaysia, Japan, Singapore and bidders on the companies

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Pave Paradise, put up a parking lot

They're in front of my house now, concrete trucks, bulldozers, backhoes, groups of men pushing the sand about as if playing in some gargantuan sandbox. The men are laying a concrete walkway that when completed will stretch from the Waveland Ladner Memorial Pier to the Washington Street quay in the Bay (where that wonderful new "Da Beach House" is now).

I don't think the noisy set up in front of me will be here long, perhaps the next day or two, then they'll be moving on toward Nicholson Avenue to join this strip with the walkway they laid earlier this year from the Waveland pier.

There is a bustling, purposeful movement to what the men do. I see bare backs glistening with sweat. They should be sweating in this heat; it will easily break 90 today and there

is a southerly flow, so it's muggy.

The men are hustling, having started before seven this morning to escape some of the heat. But now with the heat here, they're continuing at the same pace as when they started and probably will continue to do so till they quit this afternoon. Was I ever that young?

Despite my Joni Mitchell title, they are not paving paradise, only a thin sliver of it. It will be nice to see people promenading in the evening on the completed walk; it will give a certain liveliness to the beach scene that has been missing. There have always been people walking the beach road, but as sparse as beach traffic is, it has limited their number. This should change now.

When the concrete culvert was being installed on Aiken Lane, the beach road in front of us was closed to traffic for several months. To Stella and saw a kaleidoscope of things fill the

empty road, people leisurely walking, singularly or as couples, parents with baby strollers, runners, skaters, dog walkers, bikes... It was a colorful, pleasantly dynamic scene, and we missed it when the road was reopened.

Now the new walkway holds a promise of the scene being replayed.

But there is a problem. Let me explain. Everything we see in front of us on the beach, barring the waters of the Sound, is manmade. The county road, the beach wall, the sand beach, even the tufted beach grasses, all of these are either man made or put there by man.

The beach we see today has been evolving to its present state gradually as the pressure of more and more people has placed demands to make changes in the natural ecological order of the Coast.

Some of the changes have been good such as the new walk-

way. Some perhaps not so good, like the lighting of the beach I spoke about a couple weeks ago. It becomes a balance of keeping what we do that is good for the Gulf Coast and ourselves and what is inherently bad for the beach and ourselves. This is a balance difficult to maintain and, unfortunately, lighting the beach to make it "safe" is part of the inevitable misstep in the wrong direction.

As I write this, the new lighting has been installed from the Listers Pond's culvert west to Ladner Memorial Pier. Probably the east segment going from the culvert to the Washington Street Quay will be installed by the time this goes to press. Although the lights are a sort of amber rather than the white of Wal-Mart parking lights, they are every bit as bright.

The problem here is not the increase in the number of the new lights. The problem is in the increase in brightness. It is,

in a word, excessive.

In this bright light, it is now possible to play volleyball on the beach at any time of night and to read a newspaper at the water's edge. Strolling by the water in the moonlight is now no longer possible and turning to the north to see the stars is a no no. In fact, looking from the beach toward the road is to look into a glare so bright, that is actually uncomfortable.

I'm sure the wildlife of the area will also be uncomfortable with this brightness. Watching the pelicans sleep on the pilings of Carriers dilapidated pier will be a thing of the past. They'll go somewhere else. Others will follow.

In essence, the basic natural character as well as the charm of the beach at night is gone,

Views From a Front Porch

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arbitrarily taken away without any of us having a say in its disappearance. This is not right.

I took Stella on an area cruise boat recently for their popular "supper moonlight cruise". The food was excellent, the service good and the servers extremely friendly. We enjoyed ourselves. Finally, as it grew dark, the boat turned and started to slowly cruise along casino row. From where we sat, the large windows promised to provide a panoramic view of the whole colorful night scene.

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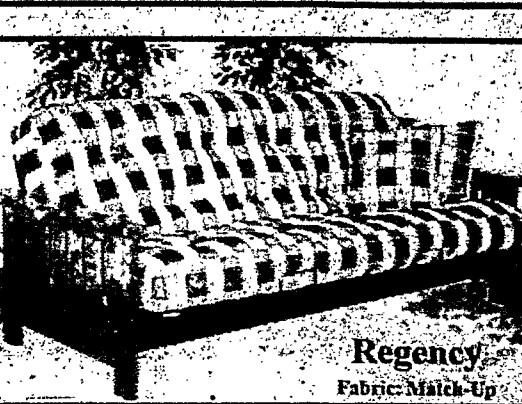
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Duhon-Milligan marry

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Bridesmaids included Melissa Walters, Jacqueline Wright, Shealey LaFontaine and Jamie Guidroz.

Flower girls were Alexis Graham, Sasha Turner and Victoria Turner, and ring bearer was Dillion Turner.

Junior groom was Craig Perry, and junior bride was Paige Hollifield.

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Trace is welcomed by brother Chase and sister Kirby.

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UM fast-track degree program holds information session

The University of Mobile is inviting adults age 25 and older to attend a free information meeting to learn about two fast-track programs designed to help them earn a college degree.

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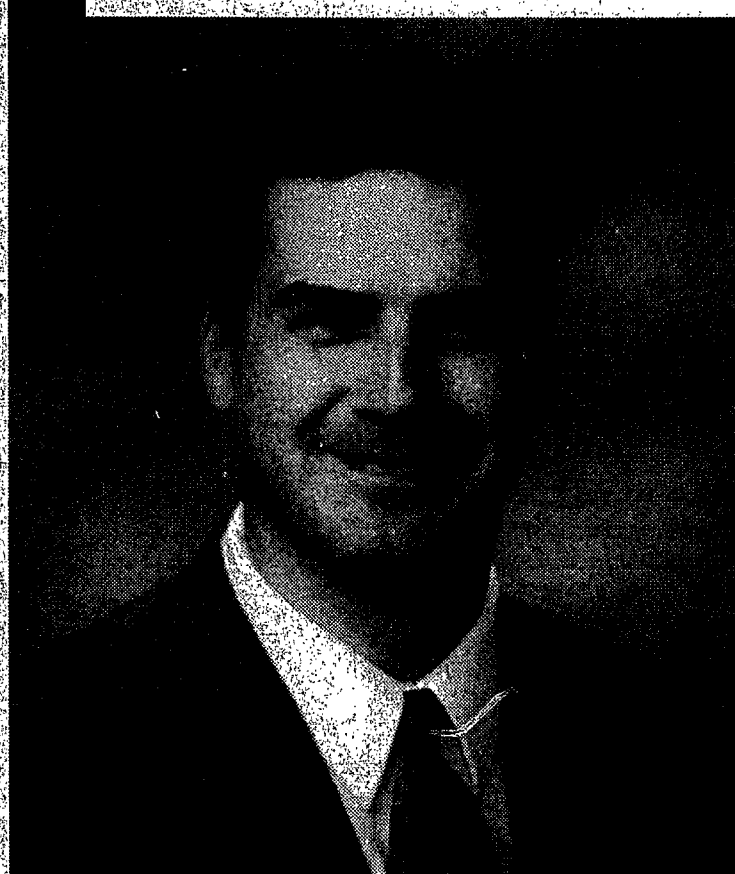
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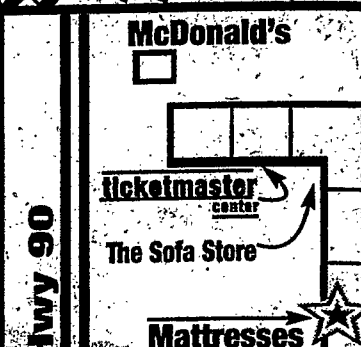
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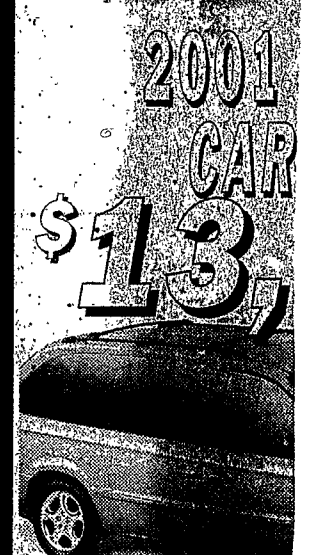
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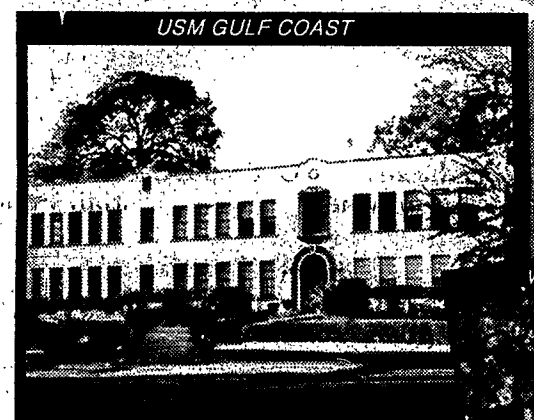
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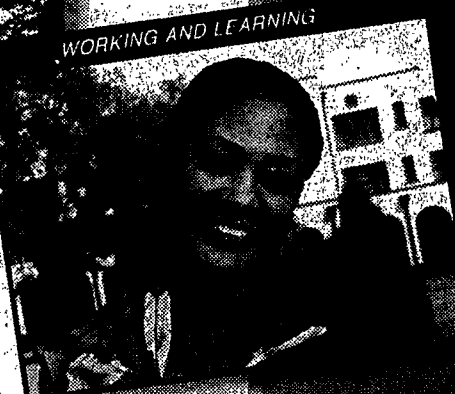
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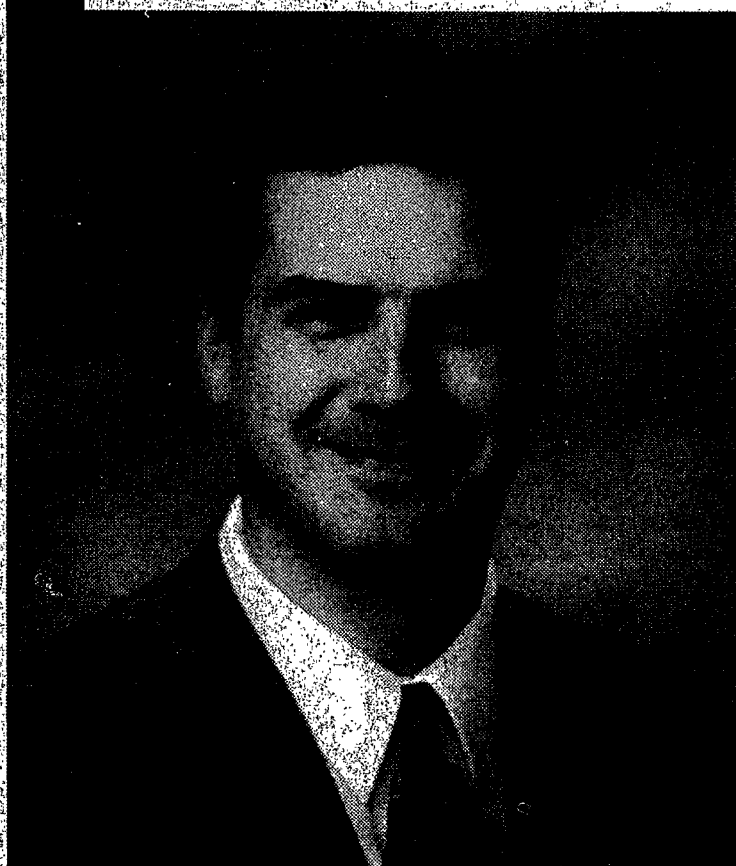
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Miss. Department of Education announces lunch program

The Mississippi Department of Education has announced the United States Department of Agriculture provides for free and reduced price meals served under the School Lunch, School Breakfast, After School Snack Program, Food Distribution, and Child and Adult Care Food Programs.

Families with children in any of these facilities who are unable to pay the full price of the meals are encouraged to apply for benefits.

Applications and instructions for applying for meal benefits are sent home with each student during registration or on the first day of attendance.

To apply for the meal benefits, each household should fill out the application and return it to the school or center or sponsor. Additional copies of the application are available at the administrative office of each facility.

For the school/center officials to determine eligibility, the household must report income information or provide a food stamp or TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) or FDIPIR (Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations) case number.

If the child receives TANF payments or is a member of a food stamp household, or a member of a FDIPIR household, the parent or guardian has to provide only the name of the child, food stamp or TANF or FDIPIR case number, and sign the application.

Adults in adult care centers who are members of food stamp households or who are SSI or Medicaid participants are automatically eligible to receive free meal benefits after a completed application has been approved.

Other applicants must report household income identified by source, such as earnings, welfare and alimony received by each household member.

In order for income applicants to be approved, the household must provide the following information: the names of all household members, each household member's monthly income identified by source; the signature of an adult household member certifying that the information provided is correct; and the social security number

of an adult who signs the application or an indication that this adult household member does not have a social security number.

The information provided by the household is confidential and will be used only for purposes of determining eligibility and verifying data. The information provided may be verified at any time during the year by the school/center or program officials.

Households are required to report increases in household income of over \$50 per month or \$600 per year and decreases in household size. Also, if a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the school/center.

Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for reduced price or free meals. Households may apply for benefits at any time during the year as circumstances change.

In certain cases, foster children are also eligible for meal benefits. If a household has foster children living with them and wishes to apply for meal benefits for them, the household should contact the school/center for more information.

Each school/center has a copy of the approved free and reduced meal policy. The policy indicates who is responsible for determining eligibility.

The determining official is, in most instances, the principal, the food service administrator, or the center director. Each school/school district/center has an individual named as the hearing official.

Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the determining official may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis.

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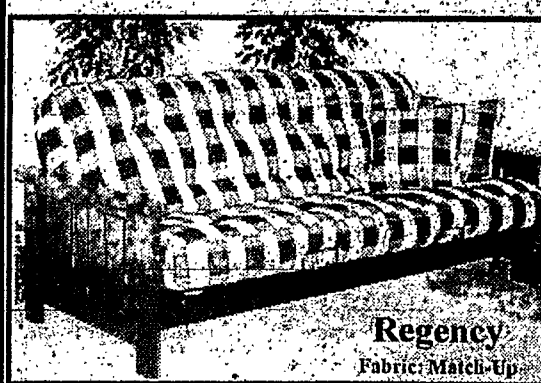
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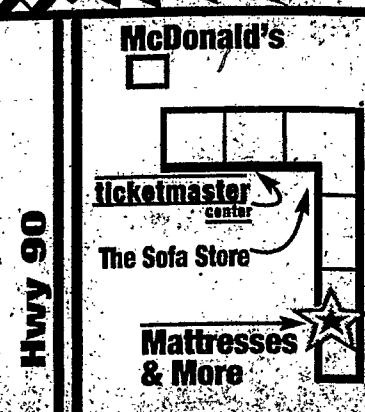
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Take Off Pounds Sensibly 307, Waveland

TOPS MS 307 Waveland met Wednesday, July 25 at the Waveland Public Library with eight members present.

Bobby was the week's best loser with 2 pounds. Sherry was top KOPS, Rhonda received the

incentive award, and Paula received the raffle. Wanda, from Ft. Worth, Texas, was the club's visitor.

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Weddings



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Duhon

Duhon-Milligan marry

Christie Ann Milligan of Diamondhead and Robert Lee Duhon, also of Diamondhead, were united in marriage May 19, 2001, in an evening ceremony on the University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast campus.

The Rev. Wooten officiated. The bride is the daughter of Gloria and Charles Milligan of Waveland.

The groom's parents are Mary-Jane Guidroz and David Duhon, both of Waveland.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. For the occasion she selected a Cinderella-style gown featuring a tiara veil. She carried a bouquet of cala lilies. Maid of honor was Stephanie Spiers.

Bridesmaids included Melissa Walters, Jacqueline Wright, Shealey LaFontaine and Jamie Guidroz.

Flower girls were Alexis Graham, Sasha Turner and Victoria Turner, and ring bearer was Dillion Turner.

Junior groom was Craig Perry, and junior bride was Paige Hollifield.

Best man was Les Green. Groomsmen included Scott Thorton, Cliff Gilkerson, August Stearwald and Greg Perry.

A reception followed the ceremony at The Bridges.

The rehearsal dinner was a cook-out at Buccaneer State Park.

The couple resides in Diamondhead.

Births

DOUGLAS WAYNE MORAN III

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Wayne Moran Jr. of Lakeshore announce the birth of their first child, Douglas Wayne III, July 3, 2001 at 12:16 p.m. at Memorial Hospital at Gulfport. He weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces.

Mrs. Moran is the former Kristine Kelly. Maternal grandparents are Dwayne and Patty Necaize of Bay St. Louis.

Paternal grandparents are the late Doug and Margaret Moran.

Great-grandparents include Latie Pulizzano of Bay St. Louis and Beth and L. J. FaFrance of Waveland.

KAYLYNN RENEE BOWLEY

Lana Marquar and Joey Bowley of Covington announce the birth of their first child, Kaylynn Renee, June 29, 2001 at 3:45 p.m. at Lakeland Medical Center in New Orleans. She weighed 6 pounds.

Maternal grandparents are Ricky and Donna Marquar of Waveland.

Paternal grandparents are Bobby and Lisa Landry and Joey and Jeanette Bowley of Violet.

Great-grandparents include Al and Rose Clark of Bay St. Louis.

TRACE HUNTER RHODES

Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. "Rocky" Rhodes of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of their third child, Trace Hunter, June 26, 2001 at 12:47 p.m. at Lakeview Regional Medical Center.

He weighed 6 pounds, 7 ounces.

Mrs. Rhodes is the former Rhonda Dean. Maternal grandparents are Dwight Dean of New Orleans and John and Bobbie Yaniga of Covington.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charley "Dusty" Rhodes. Great-grandparents include Nellie Dean of New Orleans and the late Joseph Dean, Laura Jeffery of Waveland and the late Herbert Jeffery; the late Charley and Genevieve Rhodes and the late Robert and Mary Sue Ramey.

Trace is welcomed by brother Chase and sister Kirby.

TANEALE AUSTIN MCGOWEN

Mr. and Mrs. Kneale McGowen of Kiln announce the birth of their fourth child, Taneale Austin, July 11, 2001 at 1:24 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

Taneale weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces. Mrs. McGowen is the former Angie Peterson.

Maternal grandparents are Debbie and Eddie Peterson of Kiln. Paternal grandparents are Douglas and Bertha Mae McGowen of New Augusta, Miss.

Taneale is welcomed by sisters Brittnie, Katelen and Haley.

JORDAN ALTON DRAKE

Amy L. Drake of Kiln announces the birth of a son, Jordan Alton, July 12, 2001 at 1:37 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

He weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces.

Grandmother is Pamela Ferguson of Kiln.

Great-grandparents are Pat and Jerry Ferguson of Jacksonville, Fla.

KAYLA ANNE LAFONTAINE

Cory and Christina LaFontaine of Waveland announce the birth of their first child, Kayla Anne, June 15, 2001 at 3:30 a.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

She weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces. Mrs. LaFontaine is the former Christina Dyer.

Maternal grandparents are Louis and Betty Dyer of Georgia. Paternal grandparents are Jimmy and Sandra LaFontaine of Waveland.

Great-grandparents include Gamaliel and Norma Dyer of Louisiana and Edward and Gloria Cook of Waveland.

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Take Off Pounds Sensibly 233

TOPS, MS 233 met Thursday, July 26 at the Waveland Public Library.

Best loser for the week was Judy with 2 lbs. There were 13 members present. The incentive award was won by Judy, who donated it back to the club. The gift was won by Inge.

Club members start a new contest this week, called Survivor on an Island.

Perfect attendance for month of May were: Judy, Inge, Juanita, Beverly, Pat, Jeanette, Wenda, Charlotte, June, Verma, Anna and Barbara.

Weight loss winners for month of May were: Pat with a Turtle; Verma with a Turtle, Juanita with 3/4 lbs., Jeanette with 1 lb., Judy with 1 1/2 lbs., Shirley with 1 3/4 lbs., Anna M. with 2 1/4 lbs., Barbara with 3 lbs., Elaine with 3 1/2 lbs., June with 5 3/4 lbs., Beverly with 6

1/2 lbs. and Wenda with 9 1/2 lbs.

Perfect attendance for month of June were: Judy, Inge, Juanita, Beverly, Pat, Jeanette, Wenda, Charlotte and June.

Weight loss winners for month of June were: Verma with 3/4 lbs., Inge with 1 lb., Juanita with 1 lb., Rose with 1 lb., Pat with 3 3/4 lbs., Beverly with 4 lbs.

Perfect attendance for first quarter were: Pat, Shirley, Charlotte, June, Elaine and Jeanette. Tops 233 meets every Thursday at the Waveland Library. Weigh-ins are 5-5:45 p.m. with the meeting following.

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Garden -- hibiscus

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tacular flowers of bright orange, yellow, red, pink and white, and blends of these colors. Some have double blossoms.

The perennial hibiscus is equally lavish in color with red, maroon, pink and white flowers. These can be enormous like the Moy Grande that will reach 1 foot in width and have loads of other attributes.

The small bright red flowers of the Turk's Cap hibiscus (*Malvaviscus arboreus*) make it one of our best hummingbird plants.

Think about how you can use perennial hibiscus in the tropical landscape. Create an exotic look with a large banana plant growing behind one of these shrubs, or plant a yellow bush form allamanda in front of the tall red, single-flowered Texas Star hibiscus (*Hibiscus coccineus*).

Hibiscuses belong in the landscape whether combined with bananas, cannas or another tropical plant. Their require-

ments are much like those of other annuals.

Whether you choose the perennial or tropical types, plant in well-drained, well-prepared beds and use a good layer of mulch to keep the soil evenly moist throughout the season.

Choose a site with plenty of sunlight. Morning sun and filtered afternoon light are just about perfect in our state. Hibiscus bloom on new growth, so it is important to keep it growing vigorously throughout the season. Keep them well fed and watered during droughty periods.

Many gardeners think that the prolific flower production of a hibiscus requires a lot of super bloom-type fertilizers high in phosphorus, but this is not the case. Hibiscus prefer a balanced fertilizer given out in small monthly applications.

Water daily if you are growing hibiscus or any other plant in containers during the summer. Nutrients quickly leach from the soil, so apply a dilute,

water-soluble fertilizer weekly or add time-released granules per label recommendation.

Periodically, we get calls from gardeners who get aphids and spray them with Malathion. The hibiscus does not like this insecticide, as it results in severe foliage burn.

If possible, simply pick the aphids off hibiscus buds, but if the problem is severe, make sure your insecticide can be used on hibiscus. Read the label!

Whether you are treating hibiscus, roses or any other plant during the summer, water them well a couple hours before the insecticide application.

I am passionate about the tropical hibiscus and wish gardeners everywhere could see the new varieties that will be coming out in the near future. It is also exciting when a perennial makes our yards look like Jamaica.

[EDITOR'S NOTE: Norman Winter is a horticulturist with

Mississippi State University's Extension Service. His office is located at the Central Mississippi Research and Extension Center at 1320 Seven Springs Road, Raymond, MS 39154]

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Auction -- Stennis

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webcast throughout the globe.

"We could all hear one another, what was going on in each room and on each webcast-bidder," said Levy, who himself was in an auction room in Malaysia.

"Our strength comes in our ability to market the product and our extensive knowledge of the equipment being sold," he said.

If the sale were only marketed locally, Mason would not net as much of a profit, Levy said.

"Our goal with Mason is to liquidate the assets and clear the facility," said Levy. "We will raise significant amounts of money, but I can't speculate a guess on the amount yet."

To add to the highly efficient process of the auction, tables were set up by various companies which take over when the bidding is done. Representatives were available

to give estimates for such services as disassembling purchased equipment, packing it and transporting it to its final destination.

"We can even handle reassembling the equipment if that service is needed," said Van Loveless of Picayune and agent for the nationwide transportation company, Landstar.

Landstar's vast collection of specialized equipment allows the company to live up to its motto, "door to door, anywhere." The company hauled more than 400 U.S. army truckloads during the first week of Desert Storm alone. It teamed with FEMA to bring relief to disaster-stricken Florida after Hurricane Andrew.

"Something like this is good for the local economy," said Loveless, who maintains a list of all the haulers along the Gulf Coast. "I call locally first to fill

the needs - I try to give the locals the first opportunity."

"It is also an opportunity for locals to get a great deal on a lot of manufacturing equipment," said Wayne Gouguet, manufacturing manager for Mason. And when businesses locate in the newly-available space, it will hopefully bring new employment to the area, Gouguet said.

Presently there are about 800 people employed at the facility, about 70 of them employed by Mason. At one time, when Mason had an Army contract to manufacture 155-millimeter artillery shells, the plant employed about 1,700 people. That was during its eight years of operation in the 1980s. The facility closed in 1990 and went into a standby status. In 1992, permission was given to open the facility to commercial ventures.

Views -- see the light

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panoramic view was destroyed as we watched our servers clean up the dirty diner plates in complete safety.

We are seeing the same thing here on the beach. The safety of the strollers is more

important than the reason the strollers are there strolling. What we have is a concrete beach walk that has been installed at great expense that is too hot to walk on during the day and too boring (but safe!) to

walk on during the night.

Next, I expect that they'll be tying my shoelaces together so that I won't be able to run with scissors in my hand.

Civil Defense to host Hurricane Fair

The public is invited to the Hancock County Hurricane Fair Saturday, August 4, at the Hancock County Civic Center on Longfellow Road.

Sponsored by the Hancock County Board of Supervisors, the City of Bay St. Louis, Bay St. Louis/Waveland/ Hancock County Civil Defense Office and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the festivities will kick off at 10 a.m. and run until 3 p.m. The fair will feature hurricane-related exhibits, food and fun for everyone.

Businesses, federal/state/local governmental agencies and non-profit organizations will exhibit at the fair. Building contractors, health care providers and emergency responders will be on hand to answer questions and provide needed information in order to make decisions about protecting your family and home during a disaster.

"Dr. William M. Gray, professor of atmospheric science, Colorado State University, is predicting an increase in hurricane and tropical storm activity this year, and the National Hurricane Center is predicting more adverse weather activity in the Atlantic during the next

forty years," said Hancock County Civil Defense Director Lynette carbon. "It will be more important that ever to become hurricane aware."

Hurricane awareness means not only being prepared for a Hurricane or tropical weather, but also knowing how to take steps to mitigate, or lessen the damage to your home and property, and to assure that you and your family are safe during bad weather.

"Technology is teaching us how to prepare and protect ourselves," said Mayor Eddie Favre of Bay St. Louis. "New technologies help us predict when, and how, this county will flood and how long it will take us to evacuate. Technology also assesses the risk from bad weather that will effect our homes, and technology has developed solutions to help us protect our homes."

Hancock County's Civil Defense Office and FEMA's Project Impact program are coordinating this event. "Our goal is to become a disaster-resistant community," said Rocky Pullman, president of the Hancock County Board of Supervisors.

The fair provides a fun, family event where people can

learn about the latest building technologies, and new types of building products.

"Exhibitors will be available to help you assess your health care needs and to help you determine a plan for family members that may need medical support in an emergency situation. The exhibitors also will be available to explain how to recover after a storm."

"The goal of the hurricane fair and exhibit is to assure that people are prepared for disasters and minimize damage to their property. This fair brings all these exhibitors under one roof so people can learn to minimize their risk."

Admission is free. Those who have questions or would like to participate as an exhibitor, call Sue Chamberlain at 467-9226.

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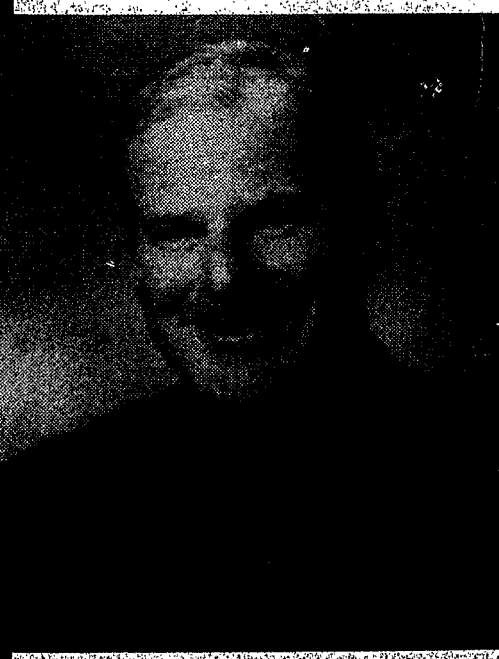
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Students learn about "Living Reptiles" at the Pass Christian Library.

Pass Reading Program is a success story

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The Pass Christian Library Summer Reading Program, "Orbit the World With Books," ended July 19 with over 1300 children attending the many events which included Terry Vandeventer's "Living Reptiles" and the famous singing storyteller Judy Pancoast whose website can be accessed from

the Harrison County Library website.

Some 259 children registered with the program and 187 completed it. In total the library sponsored 29 programs.

Among the children attending the special events were day campers from the Boys and Girls Club of Pass Christian, 6-7-year-olds from Head Start,

Camille Village YMCA Summer Camp, St. Paul's Summer Camp and Coast Episcopal Summer Camp.

"The Pass Library Summer Reading Program was successful due to all the children who participated and we would like to thank them and congratulate all the winners," a spokesman said.

PRCC offers night, weekend classes

Registration for Pearl River Community College academic night and weekend classes will be held from 3-6 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 9, in the Admissions Office in the Ted Alexander Administration Building.

Registration will be held on the main campus, however, night and weekend classes will be taught in Bay St. Louis. Night classes will begin Aug. 15.

The night classes, all three-hour courses, will be on a semester schedule and will meet from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. at Bay High School.

The classes and the days they are taught include:

- English Composition I (Wednesday)
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- Child Psychology (Tuesday)
- World Civilization II (Wednesday)
- College Algebra (Tuesday)
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Semester at Bay High School. Weekend classes meet: Friday, Oct. 19, Saturday, Oct. 20, Sunday, Oct. 21 and Friday, Nov. 2, Saturday, Nov. 3, Sunday, Nov. 4.

The classes include General Psychology I and Oral Communication.

Dr. John Grant, Dean of Academic Affairs at PRCC, says there is the likelihood of more classes being offered in the future.

"We are doing this to try to meet the needs of people in our district who have requested that we do this," said Grant.

"We want to be responsive to the people in Hancock County. In the future, we will be receptive to what the people in the community want and need and we will try to meet those needs."

Admission requirements include a completed PRCC application for admission; an official high school transcript showing date of graduation or official GED score report; official ACT score report and official transcripts for any other college attended.

Students can register by calling the PRCC Office of Admissions at (601) 403-1214 or Academic Counselors: Dr. Chris Lundy at (601) 403-1238 or Ethel Batson at (601) 403-1239.

National Republican Award presented to Mississippian

Kathy Henry was honored with the National Leadership Award for Most Outstanding State Teenage Republican Adviser in the Nation.

Mississippi Teenage Republican State President James Harris surprised Henry with the distinguished award when he met her at the Jackson Airport recently on her return from the week-long Teen Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C.

"I was surprised and thrilled to receive this very special honor. I believe that it is so

important to help in the development of these teenagers' futures," said Henry.

Mississippi Republican Party Chairman Jim Herring is very pleased to have this award bestowed on a Mississippian.

"Kathy is a such an asset to the Mississippi Republican Party and is a fine leader and role model for our teens. We are extremely proud of Kathy and her accomplishments," said Herring. Those interested in the

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...DURING THE NEXT SIX YEARS, AS THE LAD GREW FROM YOUTH TO YOUNG MANHOOD, SAUL'S ATTITUDE BEGAN TO CHANGE—FOR DAVID SHOWED A FINE APPETITE AS A WARRIOR AND LEADER, GAINING GREAT POPULARITY WITH THE PEOPLE. SAUL, IN HIS DEPRESSED MENTAL STATE, BEGAN TO SEE DAVID AS A THREAT TO HIS OWN RULE, LET ALONE THE FUTURE RULE OF JONATHAN, HIS SON, WHOM HE TRIED TO ENTICE INTO KILLING DAVID—WHICH JONATHAN WOULDN'T DO BECAUSE HE WAS A CLOSE AND SINCERE FRIEND. BUT, UNDERNEATH THIS GROWING OBSESSION TO SEE DAVID DEAD, LOVE FOR HIM STILL REMAINED WHICH BECAME QUITE EVIDENT, IN THIS WRITER'S OPINION, WHEN, THE LAST TIME DAVID PLAYED FOR HIM, SAUL TOOK UP HIS JAVELIN (1 SAMUEL 19) AND HALF-HEARTEDLY ATTEMPTED TO PIN DAVID TO THE WALL. THE TRIBE OF BENJAMIN, OF WHICH SAUL WAS A MEMBER, WAS RENOWNED AS THE GREATEST OF LEFT-HANDED MARKSMEN (1 SAMUEL 20-15) WITH SLING, SPEAR, OR ANY OTHER WEAPON OF WAR AND, FOR A WARRIOR OF SAUL'S GREAT CALIBER, TO MISS HIS MARK IN THE CLOSE CONFINES OF A ROOM, OTHER THAN ON PURPOSE, WAS IMPOSSIBLE! BUT IT DID SERVE AS A SIGN TO THE ESCAPING DAVID THAT FROM HENCE HIS LIFE WAS ENDANGERED, EVEN THOUGH THE KING DID NOT, PERSONALLY, INTEND TO HAVE DAVID'S BLOOD ON HIS OWN ROYAL HANDS!

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Are you comfortable within?

The more I read about the daily life of Jesus, the more I realize how casual he was in most of the things he did. Even the serious nature of teaching and preaching did not deter him from communicating how to be at ease.

"When he saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them" (Matthew 5:1).

If it was good enough for Jesus to sit down and teach his gems contained in the sermon on the mountain, I decided it was good enough for me.

So I sat down at a service in a funeral parlor to read this very Gospel selection and to explain in our human terms what the Master was talking about.

As I sat down and motioned everyone else to be seated as Jesus did, one lady stood up, insisting that standing during the Gospel reading was the old Catholic way. Brave she was, because she stood alone, albeit very stiffly.

After the reading of the Gospel, she sat down, assuming a sentry-like, bolt-upright position, her immobile hands clenching her thighs. Even had she tried, she could hardly have found a way to look more uncomfortable.

Which served only to emphasize all the more how casual Jesus was on the mountainside, seated and teaching the Magna Charta of his Father's kingdom. In the modern idiom, Jesus could just as well have begun his sermon with: "Relax, folks! You are blessed when you are poor in spirit."

The eight Beatitudes, Jesus' rules of inner peace and comfort, are heavily contrasted with the usual goings on in the everyday doings of human beings.

Countercultural, against the grain of much of the human wisdom we believe in, they nonetheless give us the real foundations of peace and comfort.

Our strongest tendencies frequently buck against Jesus' eight rules of peace and comfort, because we have the ingrained feeling that we can do much better in more self-centered, mundane directions.

Enter escapism. How many times during the course of the week do you hear various people talk about getting away? Part of that, of course, is perfectly normal. All of us have to get away

sometimes to make sure the men in the white uniforms do not come to take us away.

But some folks get rather serious about transplanting themselves, using the old geographical treatment to remedy their problems, only to discover that alcoholism, other addictions and sundry disorders follow them everywhere. Yes, folks, we can run, but we can't hide.

I imagine there is scarcely a human being who has not imaginarily "escaped" to some forlorn island at one time or another, many of us, naturally, with a favorite person in mind with whom we can be lost forever. We can dispense with the rest of the cruel world.

However, this fanciful escape into never being found in the tropical environs of an earthly paradise has some very impractical sides and, upon deeper analysis, possibly some very dangerous potential.

For starters, there is the problem of fresh water which is not usually found except on larger islands. Neither are most islands graced with a variety of nuts, fruits and perhaps edible animals on land or in the surrounding water.

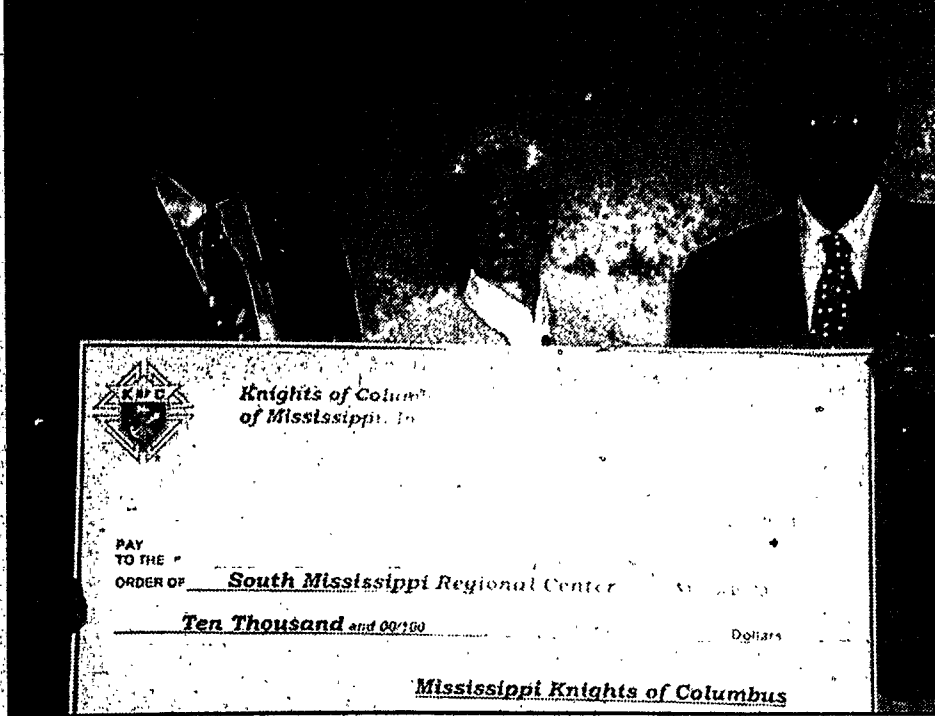
Folks, perhaps you have seen enough of the TV Discovery Channel to know about the possibility of the following scenario. Having explored your island as thoroughly as possible, you are satisfied that you have a sufficient acquaintance with all the fauna and flora. You feel secure.

Alas, as you are passing the night in deep slumber, you are taken by a huge, oceangoing crocodile which swims up to your island under cover of darkness and snaps you up for a late-evening meal.

"Salties," they call these seagoing monsters which can attain a length of 21 feet and an incredible weight of 3,000 pounds. And, with all that bulk, they can stalk you or other prey in a skimpy two feet of water.

"Now there you go again," you may tell me, "spoiling the treasured world of imaginary treats with the dullness of logic, with the boredom of predictability, and with dire, troublesome warnings about ever-present dangers."

Far be it from me to shatter your sacred, imaginary sanctuary of escape and fun! If anything, I just wanted you to get a thrill, maybe an extra laugh from the prospect of sleeping in a tree out of range of those huge salties.



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South Mississippi Regional Center, Long Beach, was the recipient of a \$10,000 check from the Mississippi Knights of Columbus Foundation.

Dr. Pamela C. Baker, SMRC director, accepted the check from Larry J. Tabor, state treasurer-elect and Gerald "Gerry" Schmuck, district deputy and state membership director designate.

The Knights of Columbus, a Catholic men's fraternal order, strive to be active in community and service programs. In May of each year, Knights from throughout the state collect donations in their local communities in support of the Mental Retardation Fund Drive.

Each council designates 75 percent of their collections to a local

agency of their choice. In addition, each council contributes the remaining 25 percent to the non-profit foundation of the Mississippi Knights of Columbus.

This foundation then donates monies in the name of all Knights to agencies with regional or statewide mental health programs.

South Mississippi Regional Center is one of five state comprehensive regional facilities offering services to Mississippians with mental retardation and developmental disabilities.

South Mississippi Regional Center's central service site is located in Long Beach. The agency serves the citizens of Hancock, Harrison, George, Jackson, Pearl River and Stone counties in 28 program locations.

Monday Night Service
planned at First Baptist

Monday, July 30 at 7 p.m. First Baptist Church, 141 Main Street in Bay St. Louis, will hold its final Monday Night Service.

Dr. Argile Smith will deliver the message, and Dianne Williams will lead the music.

Sunday, July 29, the church will hold its normal services during the morning. Worship services are at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m., Sunday School at 9:20 a.m.

There will be no night service at the church Sunday, July 29.

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Christian mottoes

Almost every organization has a motto, a short pithy statement by which the members strive to live. "Be Prepared," the Scout motto, is one of the best known.

There are also mottoes by which Christians should live. The Bible is filled with them. Take for example 1 Peter 2:17. "Honor all men; love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king." Here are guiding principles for all of us.

"Honor all men." Highly esteem all men, women, and children. They bear God's image. Use common courtesy and show respect in all your dealings with all others.

"Love the brotherhood." The brotherhood is the church of Jesus Christ. It takes many forms. It exists throughout the world.

This brotherhood is a fellowship of believers bound together by the Holy Spirit. Believers and unbelievers should love the church.

Christ shed His precious blood for her.

"Fear God." The Bible says, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge" (Proverbs 1:7).

If we properly understand the world around us, ourselves, and our neighbors, we accept God for who He is. He is our Creator. We live with reverence for Him.

"Honor the king." We should honor those whom God places in authority over us, even if we disagree with them.

God puts them in place. He "removes kings and establishes kings" (Daniel 2:21).

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St. Ann-St. John Church News

St. Ann Catholic Church, Lower Bay Road, Saturday Vigil Mass is 5 p.m.

Sunday masses: St. John Catholic Church, Lakeshore, mass at 8 a.m.; St. Ann, 10:30 a.m.

Weekday masses: St. Ann's, Monday, Thursday and Friday, 8:30 a.m.; Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Confessions will be heard before masses and upon request.

The pastoral visit of Bishop Rodi will be celebrated with a mass and reception Aug. 14 at 7 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

Pre-baptism classes will begin Aug. 1 after the 6:30 p.m. mass. Those with newborns to be baptized are asked to attend these classes at St. Ann's.

In your prayers, please remember the souls of Joseph Toterich, Eddie Defourneaux, Roy Heinrich and Peter Montville.

August 11, there will be a CCD workshop at St. Stanislaus. Teachers are needed for CCD classes at St. Ann's. For information, call Yvonne Garcia at 467-3601.

Gary LaFontaine and Cathy McGregor, also Ruddy Leblanc and Marlene Ann Autin exchanged wedding vows last weekend.

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The library system has four branches: Bay St. Louis-Hancock County, Kiln Public, Pearlinton Public and Waveland Library and Literacy Center.

FICTION
1 **LEAP OF FAITH**, by Danielle Steel. (Delacorte, \$19.95.) Upon returning to the French chateau of her childhood, a woman encounters new love and mortal danger.

2 **THE FOURTH HAND**, by John Irving. (Random House, \$26.95.) Life takes unusual turns for a New York television reporter whose left hand is eaten by a circus lion in India.

3 **"P" IS FOR PERIL**, by Sue Grafton. (Marian Wood/Putnam, \$26.95.) The California private eye Kinsey Millhone searches for a prominent specialist in geriatric medicine who has gone missing.

4 **CANE RIVER**, by Lalita Tademy. (Warner, \$24.95.) The story of four generations of African-American women, from 1834 to 1936.

5 **SEVEN UP**, by Janet Evanovich. (St. Martin's, \$24.95.) Stephanie Plum, a New Jersey bounty hunter, is assigned the task of finding a semiretired mobster.

6 **THE JURY**, by Steve Martini. (Putnam, \$25.95.) The lawyer-sleuth Paul Madriani represents an important medical researcher who has been charged with the murder of a young colleague.

7 **HOLLYWOOD WIVES - THE NEW GENERATION**, by Jackie Collins. (Simon & Schuster, \$26.) The loves, passions and ruthless ambitions of women in today's Hollywood.

8 **A TRAITOR TO MEMORY**, by Elizabeth George. (Bantam, \$26.95.) A detective inspector investigates the hit-and-run killing of a woman on a London street.

Library Info Close for annual inventory
The Hancock County Library, the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library, the Kiln Public Library, the Pearlinton Public Library and the Waveland Library and Literacy Center will be closed Monday, July 30, through Saturday, Aug. 4, for the library system's annual inventory.

Adult education classes held Monday and Tuesday evenings at the Waveland facility have also been canceled. Library users needing to return items should use the exterior book returns located at all four branches.

9 **RISE TO REBELLION**, by Jeff Shaara. (Ballantine, \$26.95.) From the Boston Massacre to the signing of the Declaration of Independence: the first volume of a novel about the American Revolution.

10 **BACK WHEN WE WERE GROWNUPS**, by Anne Tyler. (Knopf, \$25.) A 53-year-old

woman, the head of an unruly extended family in Baltimore, tries to recover her "original self."

NONFICTION
1 **JOHN ADAMS**, by David McCullough. (Simon & Schuster, \$35.) A biography of the country's first vice president and second president.

2 **STOLEN LIVES**, by Malika Oufkir and Michele Fitoussi. (Talk Miramax/Hyperion, \$24.) A Moroccan woman recalls the 20 years she spent in a desert jail.

3 **GHOST SOLDIERS**, by Hampton Sides. (Doubleday, \$24.95.) The story of a United States Army plan to rescue prisoners of war (including survivors of the Bataan death march) in the Philippines in early 1945.

4 **FOUNDING BROTHERS**, by Joseph J. Ellis. (Knopf, \$26.) A historian's study of the intertwined lives of the nation's founders.

5 **JUSTICE**, by Dominick Dunne. (Crown, \$24.) A collection of essays about crimes and criminals, trials and punishments.

6 **NAPALM & SILLY PUTTY**, by George Carlin. (Hyperion, \$22.95.) The comedian offers opinions on everything from God to pets to the Lone Ranger's laundry.

7 **SEABISCUIT**, by Laura Hillenbrand. (Random House, \$24.95.) A biography of the great horse whose career culminated in a 1938 match race with the Triple Crown winner War Admiral.

8 **TUESDAYS WITH MORRIE**, by Mitch Cullin. (Doubleday, \$19.95.) The author, a sports writer, tells of his weekly visits to his old college mentor, who was near death's door.

9 **THE TRUTH IS...**, by Melissa Etheridge with Laura Morton. (Villard, \$24.95.) The autobiography of the rock star.

10 **SUPREME INJUSTICE**, by Alan M. Dershowitz. (Oxford University, \$25.) The Harvard law professor argues that the Supreme Court "hijacked" the 2000 presidential election.

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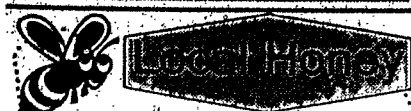
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Everyone's favorite girl group has released its first album in 17 years and kicked off a summer tour with a stop in Bay St. Louis. The Go-Gos pick up the beat straight from Orlando, Florida to Casino Magic Bay St. Louis Sunday, July 29 at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$24.95, \$29.95 and \$34.95 through the Casino Magic Box Office or any Ticketmaster Outlet.

Some bands might be satisfied with racking up a collection of instantly recognizable hits, influencing a new generation of pop stars and stopping there. But for the Go-Gos, a stellar legacy just wasn't enough.

So, singer Belinda Carlisle, bassist Kathy Valentine and guitarists Jane Wiedlin and Charlotte Caffey and drummer Gina Schock, responsible for such classics as "Our Lips Are Sealed," "We Got The Beat," "Vacation," and "Head Over Heels" decided to make a whole new album.

God Bless the Go-Gos is truly a 21st Century Go-Gos LP. It reflects the exuberance the

band has maintained through time and experience, bursting with the energy of their earliest albums, 1981's unforgettable Beauty And The Beat, the perfect pop of 1982's Vacation and its 1984 follow-up hit, Talk Show.

All the hallmarks of the Go-Gos sound are here: the '60s surf and girl-group influence, the buzzy, punk-pop guitar, the rich vocal harmonies and that instant girl-bonding spirit that made the band so endearing.

But this isn't a nostalgia trip. Sure, the Go-Gos' colorful, sometimes turbulent history got the recent in-depth VH-1 Behind The Music treatment, but they never intended to rest on their laurels. Indeed, they started writing new songs as a way of traveling someplace else besides Memory Lane.

Since breaking up in 1985, they have re-united for several concert tours: in 1990 to support the hits collection, Greatest; in 1994 to promote the double-CD retrospective Return To The Valley Of The Go-Gos; and in

1998 for another series of acclaimed performances.

"There was always that unmistakable energy we have when we're together," says Carlisle. "Being back on stage together," Wiedlin adds, "made us realize that we still had music in us that hadn't come out yet."

Writing new material was also a way of keeping things interesting. "We couldn't just trot out the same songs over and over, forever," Valentine says. Additionally, the Go-Gos were inspired by how many young girls and new fans came out to see their shows. So inspired that by the time the ladies were ready to enter the studio, they had written over 50 brand new songs.

Helping with the process of nodding to the past and living in the present in this manner were Boston-based producer/engineers Paul Kolderie and Sean Slade, whose extensive and varied credits include work with Radiohead, the Mighty Mighty Bosstones, Hole and others. "We really made a good choice with those guys," says Carlisle.

"They were able to bring a modern sound to the album. It could've very easily sounded like 1982, and we didn't want that." Adds Schock, "This record is more how the band sounds live, which is what we've always tried to capture but couldn't."

That "sparkly California pop" tradition (as Belinda refers to it), sounds fresh as soon as you hear the very first big guitar chords of "Unforgiven." Co-written by Wiedlin, Caffey and Green Day frontguy Billie Joe Armstrong, (the ladies met him when he attended a Go-Gos show in Northern California), the song's driving exuberance wouldn't be out of place on the radio sandwiched between, say, No Doubt and the Offspring. But also immediately recalls the peppier numbers from Beauty

And The Beat (remember, "How Much More?"). Says Wiedlin, "We approached Billie Joe because Charlotte and I love Green Day." Laughing, she says of Armstrong's punk-pop heroes, "They were influenced by us, and then we ended up getting re-influenced by them."

Other highlights include the quintessentially Go-Gos "Stuck In My Car," the poignant and autobiographical "Daisy Chain," the anthemic "Throw Me A Curve," gritty groove rocker "Kissing Asphalt," and the moody "Automatic Rainy Day." Not to mention, pop gems "Apology" and "Vision Of Nowness," inspired by Sammy Davis Jr.'s reaction to meeting Belinda. Other outside writers collaborating with the band members include the Bangles' Susanna Hoffs ("Talking Myself Down") That Dog's Anna

Waronker ("I Think I Need Sleep") and Lenny Kravitz guitarist Craig Ross.

For the Go-Gos "fun" has always been the operative word. But, Valentine remembers, "There was a time around our third album when we were getting very sick of tile fun, bubbly image. We really wanted to break out of that."



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